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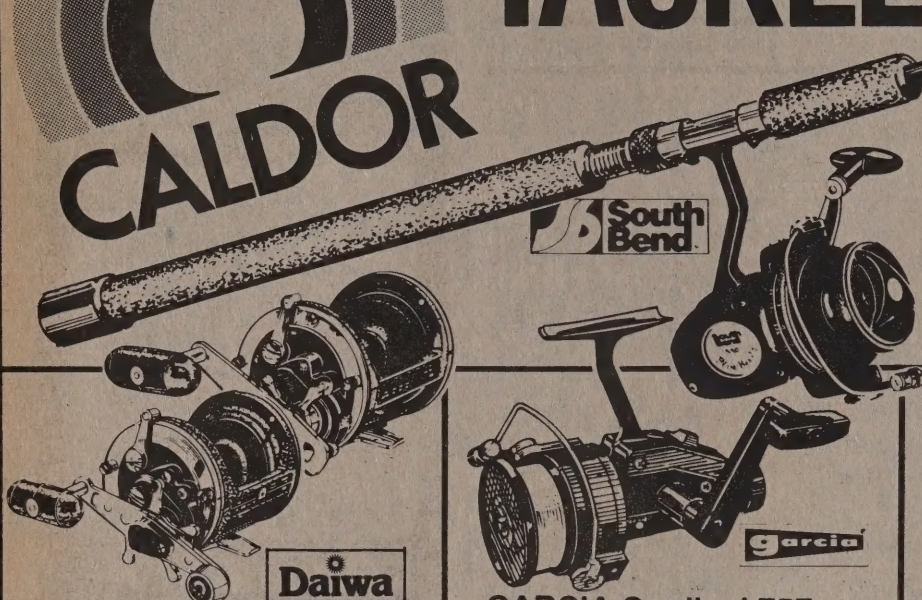
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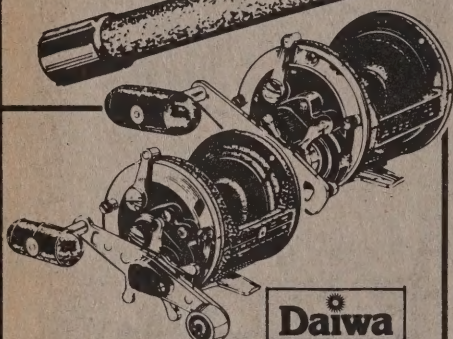
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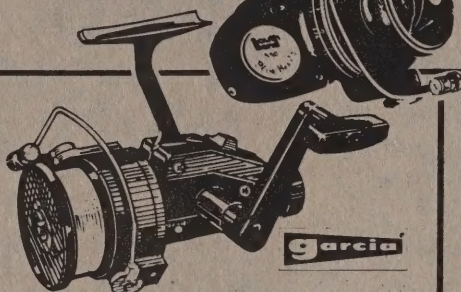
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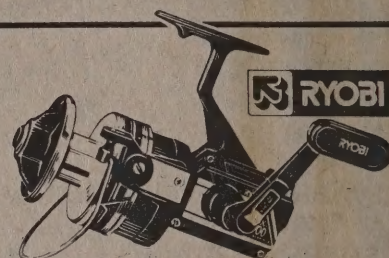
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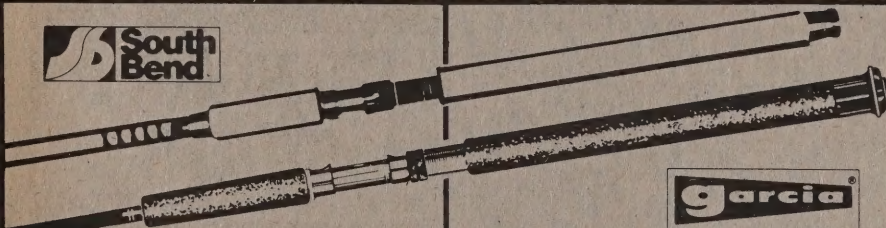
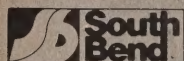
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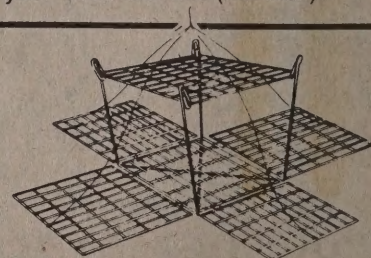
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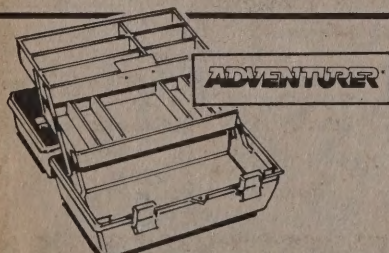
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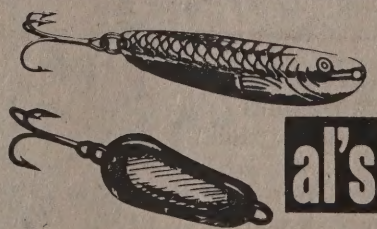
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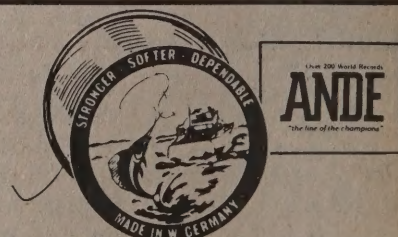
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The Fisherman staff was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of veteran Montauk charter skipper, Walter Haab of the Seacon on Saturday, August 27th. Walter quickly earned the admiration and respect of many who had the opportunity to fish with him over the years, as well as fellow boat captains. Many considered him one of the best in a port harboring some of the best skippers in the world. He will be sorely missed by all those who ever trod the decks of the Seacon.

HOUSE COMMITTEE AFFIRMS MARINE SANCTUARIES POLICY

Debate over the future of the National Marine Sanctuaries Program has been as intense as the program has been controversial. But in late April the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee approved a reauthorization bill that addresses the legitimate concerns of the program's critics, including fishermen.

Enacted in 1972, the purpose of the program is to give comprehensive protection to marine areas of special value—recreational, historical, ecological or aesthetic—that they could not expect to receive under a confusion of federal programs, and to encourage scientific study of these areas. Criticism of the program has centered around the vagueness of Congressional intent in creating "sanctuaries" and the manner by which the Department of Commerce designates such sanctuaries.

The importance of the sanctuary program in providing research on the marine environment is appreciated by fisheries interests. Spencer Apollonio, head of the Maine Department of Natural Resources, told a Fisheries Committee hearing: "Funds for the study of fish in the context of the ecosystem in which they live—a study essential for a sound basis for fishery management—are very scarce. Sanctuary funds could provide an essential bridge for the study of fish in relation to their environment." It is the management side of the program, however, that concerns fishermen. The term "sanctuary," vaguely defined, triggers fears of excessive regulation.

H.R. 2062, which easily passed the House Fisheries Committee with bipartisan support from, among others, Congressmen Breaux (D-LA) and Forsythe (R-NJ), provides for greater participation by fishing interests in

the development of sanctuary proposals. According to the House bill, once an area has undergone review by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and is proposed for designation as a marine sanctuary, the proposal must be presented to the appropriate Regional Fishery Management Council. The Council then has the opportunity to draft recommendations which take into consideration the fisheries in the proposed site. These recommendations are submitted to the Secretary of Commerce along with those of the Sanctuaries Program Office and from there they go before the public for comment.

STUDY SUPPORTS STRIPER RESEARCH FUNDING

The Emergency Striped Bass Study has published a preliminary report on the economic value of striped bass to the ten Atlantic Coast states from Maine to North Carolina. As with everything concerning stripers these days, it is a story of what we've got and what we're missing.

According to the state/federal study group, organized in 1980 under the "Chafee bill" to increase our understanding of the striped bass resource and the factors which threaten it, what we have is a commercial and recreational fishery that in 1980 generated, in direct and indirect income and employment opportunities, over \$200 million and 5,600 jobs. As a result of the decline in striped bass since the early 1970s, however, the study estimates a loss to coastal areas of nearly \$220 million of economic activity and 7,000 jobs.

EARLY REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL BOATING SKILL AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE

An 18-week lesson course in Boating Skills and Seamanship will be given by Flotilla 11-8 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Early applicants are assured of registration. Classes and Registration begin Monday evening, 8PM, September 26th, in Sheepshead Bay, at the Knights of Baron DeKalb, 3000 Emmons Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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The lessons are designed for beginning and intermediate levels and family participation is encouraged. The course is offered free, with



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GOOD NEWS FOR FISHERMEN AND BOATERS

Recreational boaters and fishermen throughout Long Island received some good news recently when the House approved a bill of great importance to our sailors and anglers. The bill is H.R. 2163, the Federal Boat Safety Act amendments.

Under this legislation, initiated by the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Long Island's many salt-water anglers will, for the first time, directly benefit from the Federal fish restoration program whose focus previously had been on our freshwater fisheries. Under H.R. 2163, states must fund both marine and freshwater fish projects in proportion to the estimated number of marine and freshwater anglers in the state.

New York could receive up to \$2.6 million annually from this bill. Currently we only receive \$776,000. These funds could be used for a great variety of fish restoration programs.

In addition, 10 percent of a state's total allocation for sport fish restoration must be spent to improve public access for recreational boaters.

H.R. 2163 also provides for the allocation of up to \$45 million each year for boating safety programs. If fully funded, this legislation could provide New York almost \$1.7 million for boating safety programs—more than any other state in the nation!

The best news of all is that this new funding does not put a new burden on the taxpayers. The funds will come from tax revenues presently paid by boaters on the motorboat fuel they use.

This is a sound approach to supporting important programs which mean much to us on Long Island. I expect the Senate will act swiftly in approving this needed assistance to boaters and fishermen.

NEW YORK CHAPTER TAKES B.A.S.S. CLUB OF YEAR AWARD

The 70-member Long Island Bassmasters, organized in 1970, is one of the oldest B.A.S.S.-affiliated clubs in the nation. To achieve "Club of the Year" status, a chapter must receive the highest rating in all categories: Conservation, Youth Activities, Community Service, Public Relations, Communication, and Cooperation with its State Department of Natural Resources.

Long Island Bassmasters easily

proved worthy of the title "1982 B.A.S.S. Chapter of the year."

During a state-wide bass study, the club provided assistance to the New York Division of Fish and Wildlife. The study resulted in implementation of protective size limits for bass based on solid, scientific evidence.

In addition, this progressive club helped develop nine parking areas for hunters and fishermen on the Navy Cooperative Area in Calverton, conducted clean-ups of Lake Ronkonkoma and Forge Pond on the Peconic River, work with the Department of Environmental Protection Water Supply Bureau on the recreational use of reservoirs, and have entered into a cooperative effort with the Suffolk County Legislature for the preservation of Robins Island.

Their work with children includes an annual Youth Day, children's fishing clinics and seminars geared to youngsters' interests.

They have a monthly newsletter, BASS Taps, which is an important, fact-filled publication communicating to all members the programs and goals of the club.

Thom Carney, 34, is a postal supervisor at Patchogue, New York, and has served the club as president for two years.

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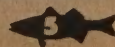
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Club Secretary Joe Moldashel, a Grumman Aerospace Planning Supervisor from Ronkonkoma, was delighted with the news that his B.A.S.S. Chapter had captured the prestigious award over 1500 clubs throughout the country.

"We're just a group of men and women who get together to promote freshwater fishing on Long Island," Moldashel said. "We do what we can because we love to fish, and none of us ever gave much thought to winning a national award. Preserving and enhancing fishing opportunities and teaching kids—that's our cake. The 'Club of the Year' award is the icing!"

AWARD TO LYMAN

Salt Water Sportsman publisher Hal Lyman recently received the Arthur Sullivan Memorial Award given annually by Safari Club International's New England chapter. The citation reads in part: "An expression of gratitude for his lifetime contribution to the cause of conservation and of outdoor sportsmen and women by his published writings, his spoken word and his example." Earlier, Hal also received first place award for magazine features from the New England Outdoor Writers' Association.

BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP COURSE OFFERED IN BAY SHORE

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 1-5, Bay Shore, will be conducting the popular Boating Skills and Seaman-ship course commencing Tuesday, September 13th, at Bay Shore J.H.S., Brook Ave., Bay Shore, N.Y.

Registration is at 7PM. Classes begin at 7:30 PM. The course is free; there is a nominal charge for text and materials.

RETURN A GIFT TO WILDLIFE PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams today announced 14 projects that will be funded from public contributions received from the "Return a Gift to Wildlife" program.

These projects are the first to be supported by funds from "Return a Gift to Wildlife," a device which permits individuals to make a contribution to support fish and wildlife programs through their state income tax form. Williams said approximately 350,000 persons elected to use the 1982 return to contribute a total of \$1.7 million.

Projects announced by Williams totaled \$800,000, the amount appropriated from the Conservation Fund by the Legislature. He said he expects the remainder of the money to be appropriated in the next state fiscal year.

"The first-year response to this program proves the public's commit-

ment and enthusiasm for fish and wildlife programs," Williams said, noting that the \$1.7 million total in the first year of the program was significantly greater than the revenue collected by any of some 20 other states with similar programs.

"We have selected a range of projects which in toto will benefit all fish and wildlife resources and people interested in these resources," Williams said. "The selections reflect the input of an extensive number of groups and individuals interested in fish and wildlife and the fact that the revenue source is from voluntary contributions.

"The project receiving the broadest public support was the restoration and maintenance of New York's outstanding endangered species program," Williams continued. "The first mission of the department with regard to fish and wildlife is to perpetuate all species. Funds will be used to continue to re-establish the bald eagle, osprey, peregrine falcon and other endangered species, to undertake new status surveys of some 13 species of special concern, and to develop educational displays and materials to explain what species are endangered or threatened, why their status is insecure and the resulting lessons that may be applied to our total environment.

"A second major project, again highly supported, will be undertaking a new biological survey of the lakes, streams and watersheds of New York State. The last major survey was completed in 1939, and aquatic environments have changed greatly in the intervening 40 years. The fish and wildlife species data from such a survey is used in practically all planning, management and environmental impact analysis work of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. We will also use this opportunity to collect information on many of the physical characteristics of waters surveyed, i.e., acidity and presence of pollution or erosion.

"Another major use of funds will be to augment our education and information programs. We intend to produce a series of wall posters on the fish and wildlife of New York and a colorful brochure on where, when and how to enjoy the many fish and wildlife events which annually occur, such as salmon, waterfowl and hawk migrations. For example, a unique opportunity exists for the public to view migrating Atlantic landlocked salmon as they pass through our fishway at the Willsboro Dam on the Bouquet River, a tributary of Lake Champlain. We also will revive and update our film library, the major user being the public schools.

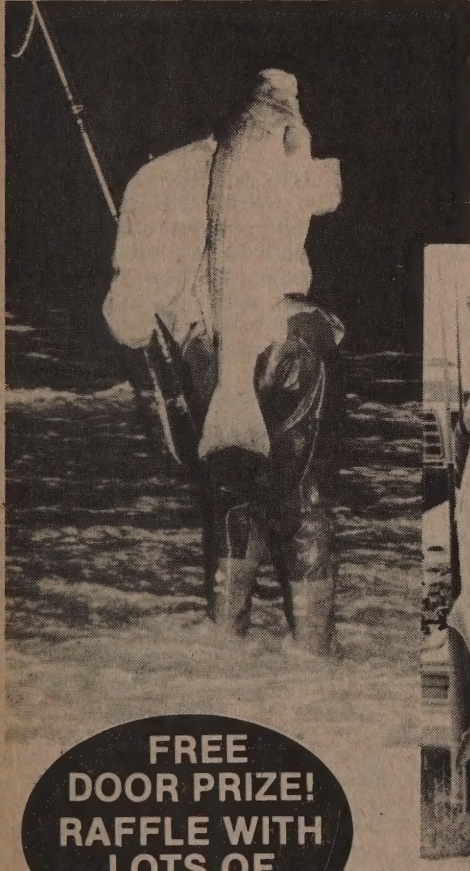
"We will place fish and wildlife staff in our New York City office, recognizing that over one-half of our citizens reside or work there, that New York City is the center for world traffic in fish and wildlife and their products, and that the city does support a substantial fish and wildlife



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resource, particularly in outlying boroughs and the marine edge. This project was also highly supported by all sources of public input.

"Because of uncertainties over the level of contributions when the 1983-84 budget was prepared last fall, only \$800,000 was actually appropriated by the Legislature for the remainder of this fiscal year," said Williams. "However, every penny of the additional contribution revenue will be reserved exclusively for 'Return a Gift to Wildlife' projects."

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Hope for phasing out massive sewage sludge dumping in the New York Bight area 12 miles off the northern New Jersey coast comes with introduction of a bill in Congress that would end the annual dumping of seven million tons in the ocean by December 31, 1986. The bill also would impose user fees on the dumpers, shift the site to 100 miles offshore, and require EPA to develop and implement plans for restoration of the present site, which has become a virtual Dead Sea as far as marine life is concerned.

The polluters are being challenged in court, but they justify their actions by saying that any other disposal methods are too costly. SWS has always maintained that alternative methods of sewer sludge disposal will never be developed until the law violators have been hit hard and often in the pocketbook. Just maybe, Congressional action will bring about such a change.

— ATTENTION —

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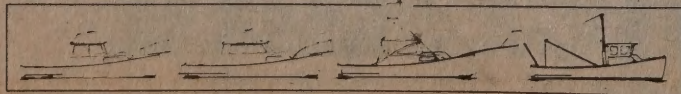
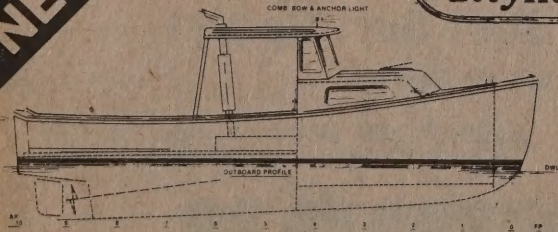
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TREAT THAT FISH KINDLY, SIR

by Matt Ahern

Much has been written about how to catch fish, but what do you do with them once you catch them?

Not too long ago I spent a day party boat fishing for sea bass on an off-shore wreck. It was hot and humid; what ocean breeze existed seemed to increase the discomfort. Just one of those not unusual August days, I told myself. Hot weather bothers me, though; it always has. I often complain to my fishing buddies that the older I become, the hotter the weather—but I don't get much sympathy. In fact, my complaining caused my lifelong buddy Artie Leidecker to remark that if I lived long enough I'd probably find hell cool by comparison when I eventually arrived there.

Well, anyway, it was hot that day, as I say. The fishing was fair to middling and each of the two-score passengers on board had several nice-sized sea bass in his bucket. During a lull as the fish regrouped, or whatever it is they do, the young fisherman who stood beside me at the rail lowered a rope-tethered bucket into the sea, allowed it to fill, and then poured its contents into his fish bucket.

"Keeps 'em cool," he said.

I said nothing, merely shrugged my shoulders.

"You ought to do that, old-timer," he said. "I'll dip you some water if you want."

"No, thanks," I replied.

Both of us continued to fish, each landing a nice sea bass from time to time. Thirty/forty minutes passed, and then the young fellow turned, got my attention, and said: "How come?"

"How come what?" I asked.

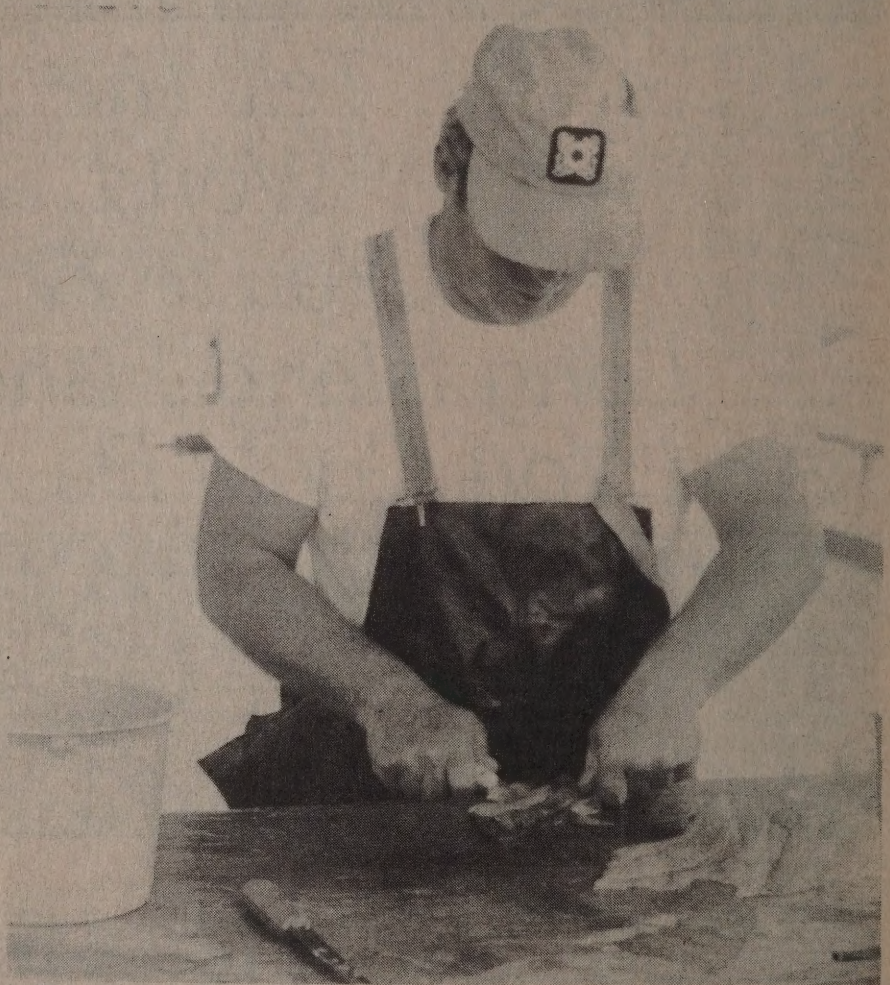
"How come you don't want water on your fish?"

"I don't want them to spoil." I then peered into his bucket.

Every fish was dead, their mouths agape, their coloration several shades lighter than normal. "You just wait a few more minutes, son," I said. "You won't have to cook 'em when you get home."

If you want to destroy that ambrosia-like flavor, if you wish to relegate your fish to the swill can, I can think of no better way than to keep them in water on a hot summer day. In fact, this isn't a good thing to do even on a cool day—or any day, for that matter. Period. And this causes problems for the summertime fisherman. But there are solutions.

It would be foolish to suggest cleaning each fish as it's caught. Therefore, when conditions warrant



Take a cue from open boat mates. It shouldn't take more than 10 or 15 seconds to clean a fish.

(as when skiff fishing), fishermen should consider keeping their fish in an ice chest containing several water-frozen milk containers, or a chunk of well-insulated dry ice.

It is best to place your fish in a large plastic bag as you catch them and then lay this directly on the ice. The bag will keep your fish out of the melted ice water, which will turn each fish into a slimy mess if you fail to prevent it from happening. Also, placing the fish directly on ice with no insulating protection will cause the interior of the chest to become slime encrusted and bad-smelling. Take heed: certainly a word to the wise is sufficient.

There are times when handling ice isn't convenient, such as when party boat fishing (although some fellows manage to do this). You'll find a clean

burlap bag makes a good substitute. If you wet it occasionally with sea water and keep it out of the sun, it will keep your fish cool by the process of evaporation.

But it is when skiff fishing that fishermen have the least trouble, for it is here where they can easily solve their problem.

I did away with my headache by simply constructing a live fish box. When this is hung overboard, each fish will be found to be as frisky at day's end as when first caught. I made one years ago and wouldn't be without it—especially when fluke fishing where summer's heat kills the fish in minutes.

Such a box is easy to make. Mine was made of 1x12" pine shelving. Its dimensions are 18x12x10". The bottom is made from a piece of half

inch hardware cloth, held in place by 1/2 x 3/4 inch pine strips. The hinged top is 8 inches wide and centered. The locking arrangement is a medium-sized brass hasp; you can use any kind of gadget you dream up to hold the lid closed. All fastening should be copper, brass, or aluminum.

You don't have to make yours the exact dimensions as mine—it can be larger, or smaller...whatever is convenient to handle. I suggest you paint it a bright color, not white or green, though. Should it float away on you by accident, any bright color will make it easy to spot.

Be sure to fasten the box securely to the skiff, preferably on the opposite side from which you are fishing. You don't want it in your way when netting a good-sized fish. It's also a good idea to lift the box inboard each time you put a fish in—fluke especially use cute tricks in getting away from the fisherman's grasp. Again...a word to the wise is sufficient. I should practice what I preach—I lost a beauty one day because I was too lazy to follow my own advice.

Okay, so you've done all this and now you've got your fish home in tip-top shape. What do you do now to keep them that way? You clean them as soon as possible, that's what. Yes, I know when you get home you're tired and pooped—aren't we all? But those fish have to be cleaned as soon as possible, or all your troubles will have been in vain. But fret not. Old Matt will tell you of a way to clean a fish in ten seconds.

The following is the method I use to clean all round fish—round fish meaning any fish but fluke or flounder; those I always fillet.

Only two tools are needed to do a fast and efficient job: a good scaler, preferably with an offset handle to prevent being stabbed by too close contact with sharp-finned fish such as sea bass, blackfish, and porgies—and a fairly stiff, sharp knife. You'll find a butcher's boning knife to be ideal. Keep it sharp by honing the edge occasionally.

My advice is to shun those knives that have a scaler on one edge. In my estimation they are usually too short, too broad, and too thick to do a good job. Use professional tools and do a professional job.

In order to clean a fish in ten seconds as promised, you've got to work in a certain way. No problem, though. Scale all your fish **first**. Get that job out of the way immediately. Much time is lost if each fish is scaled individually and then cleaned before moving onto the next one.

Wash each fish to remove loosened scales. This will not only prevent dulling the knife's keen edge, but will also prevent a possible cut should the fish slip from your grasp on those loose scales.

Grasp the fish in one hand and push the knife point completely through the fish just aft of the pectoral fin. (This

the fin at the middle of each fish near the gill cover.) Next, angle the knife toward the vent and slice through with one motion. This cut is high enough to remove all intestines and most of the rib cage.

Next, remove head.

You have now cleaned and gutted a fish with but two swift passes of the knife blade. If you can't gut and behead an average size fish in ten seconds with this method, brother, you aren't really trying.

You'll find, too, that should you desire to fillet any of these round fish, it is easy to do. Don't bother to scale your fish if filleting is your plan. Save yourself the trouble. You'll find, also, that fillets with scales intact are far easier to skin—the scales act as a barrier, preventing the knife blade from cutting through the paper-thin skin.

To fillet round fish at this point simply place your knife at the shoulder, then slice along the backbone to the tail with short, deft strokes. Life off the side as you go along. Easy—especially when you don't have the head and rib cage interfering with the knife blade.

Now to more advanced filleting: fluke and flounder.

Lay the fish on a board, top side up for fluke, bottom side up for flounder (this is because the fluke is a left-handed flatfish, and the winter flounder is a right-handed flatfish—some day I'll explain all this).

Make a diagonal cut from the shoulder toward you, skirting the aft portion of the gut cavity. Next, make a long cut through the center of the fish, following the slightly indented line running the length of the backbone. Slice off one piece at a time, working from the center toward the outside fins. This method will give you four slices from each fish. Take it slow and easy in the beginning and you'll soon master it.

Some fishermen would rather have two large pieces of fillets instead of four small ones. To do so, make a diagonal cut as before, then a half-inch in from the top fin, make a long, continuous cut to the tail, following the contour of the fish. Start your filleting at the shoulder and work the side off. Repeat on the opposite side.

To skin a fillet is easy. Place it skin side down on a cutting board and make a slice about a half-inch in from the tail—carefully! Don't go through the skin. Then with a firm grip on the "handle"—that half-inch piece—work it back and forth with a sawing motion, putting pressure on the knife blade as you slide it between the skin and meat. The fillet will peel off as if by magic. This also takes a little practice, but it is soon mastered.

Cleaning and taking care of your fish isn't difficult. If you want to be sure your fish are in the best possible condition for your table, take time to learn the necessary art.

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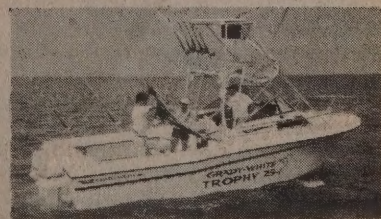
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OF BASS AND MULLET

by Jason Colby

The Long Beach rock piles host some short but sweet bass action when the mullet come to town.

Something magic happens every year during September along the shores of my hometown. It's called the "mullet run" and with it comes one of the most enjoyable kinds of bass fishing. The fish that follow these baitfish are usually schoolies, but an occasional 30 to 60 pounder is not unheard of. Long Beach in September has more to offer than just bass, though. The sunrises and sunsets which occur during prime fishing time make this easy type of bassing extra addictive.

There are two basic methods of taking these fish and both are easily handled by one outfit. A good old 11½ foot rod and big spinning reel with 15 pound mono does just fine. An 18 inch leader (40 lb.) with a swivel on one end and a snap on the other protects from gill and hook cut-offs. You should obtain a supply of 1¼ to 2 ounce popping plugs and a few Junior Atom swimmers. Blue and white combo and chrome for the poppers, and blue and white for the swimmers are all that's necessary.

Prime water for Long Beach are the two extreme hours of high or low tide with daylight fishing leaning to high

water. Incoming or outgoing doesn't matter. Plan your first try when the tide is high one hour before dark and start an hour before high water. This will give you the maximum chance of success. Remember to sharpen your hooks before you start and carry that file with you at all times because there are plenty of rocks and bouncing a plug around among them dulls them in short order.

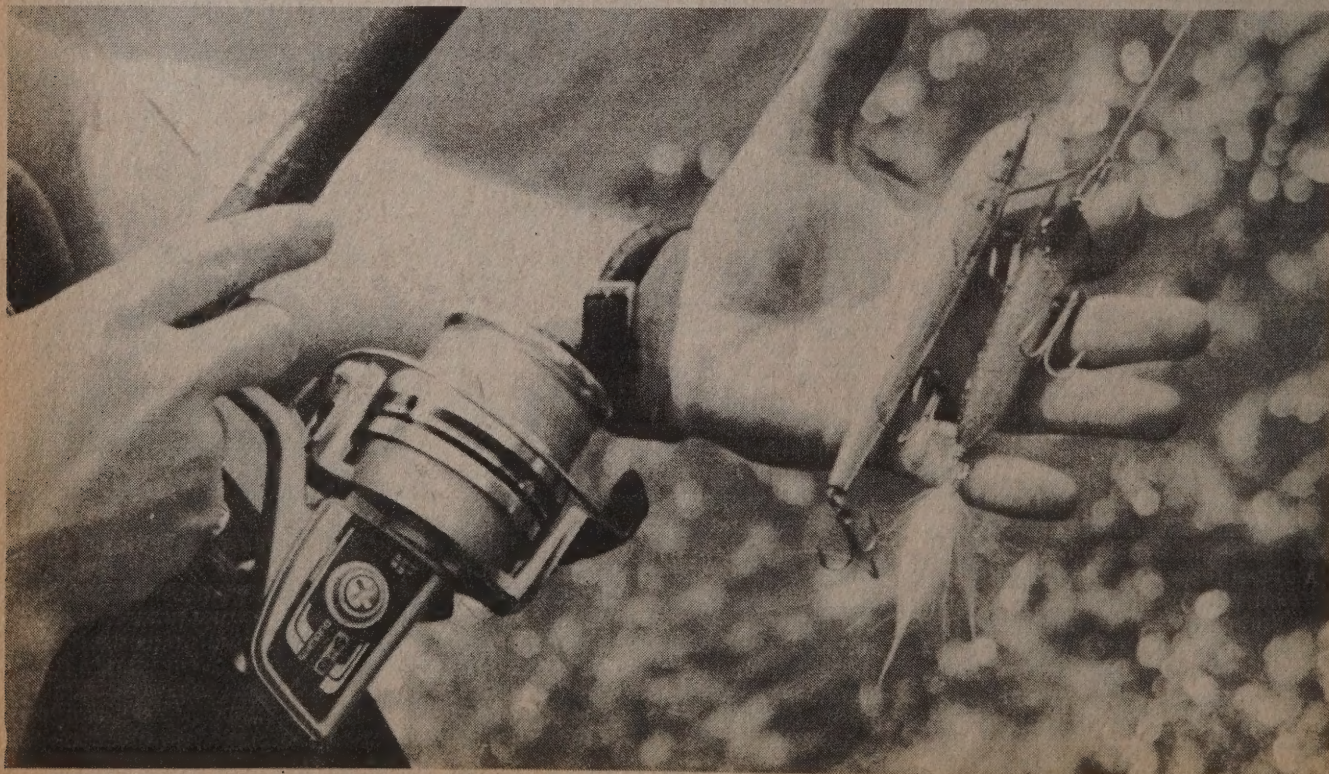
Rocks! That's the key to this article. The first thing you will notice when you step onto any beach in Long Island is jetties. These rocky fingers which stretch into the Atlantic are both an obstacle and a trap with which the mullet must deal, and where the bass seek opportunity! Head directly for the nearest jetty but don't step on it! I acknowledge the fact that some people may cast (with varying degrees of success) light plugs perpendicular to the center of these jetties, but they are committed to a very limited amount of water, not to mention that these jetties are very dangerous.

Exercise your waders and stand in the water about 10 feet from the east side of the rocks (on most of the Long

Beach jetties, the east side produces far better than the west side, but experiment when all else fails) and cast your popper parallel to them. Retrieve in a slow-moderate, sweeping-jerking fashion with the tip way up so the plug sputters and dances across the top like nothing nature ever intended to exist. Naturally, if there's a bass around, nature's law says "put the thing out of its misery." Two casts, that's all; then it's one about 45 degrees from the beach and maybe one closer to the surf line. If you didn't catch a fish or see promising signs (mullet panicking, a "hit" or a "swirl")—move on to the next jetty.

The general idea is on a slow evening there may be only two or three fish spread out over 15 jetties; so fish as many as you possibly can during those prime two hours. If you have never caught a bass on a popping plug, you have truly been missing one of fishing's greatest thrills. I believe they don't merely attack it with food first on their minds, but primarily to kill it as it looks and sounds so "killable."

My other method, which will



When schoolies predominate, you can scale down your tackle to accommodate smaller popping and swimming plugs.

probably catch you more numbers of bass per hour is night fishing with the aforementioned swimming plugs. I like to replace the front treble which is a 2/0 with a 3/0 for its better hooking and hold abilities as it's after dark that you will more likely take some of Long Beach's larger bass. Retrieve only fast enough so you can feel the plug "dig" with slight resistance. Do everything else the same as you would with the poppers except at night, double the number of casts at each jetty. With each hit or sign of action, start the system over again.

I used to fish quite a bit with a friend named Steve. While working the jetties we would often see this guy named Anthony who was, fortunately for him, "well to do." I say this because he would lose at least two or three plugs to the rocks every evening. On this particular evening, Steve and I made our way from jetty to jetty without a fish. We arrived at the Monroe Blvd. jetty (my favorite; I got my first "50" there) and Steve hogged the "inside" to make the "parallel" cast. It was dead low tide and I had waded way out and away from the jetty so I could make a cast around the tip. I waited for Steve's retrieve to pass the end so I wouldn't cross his line. The sunset was really beautiful, and I must have been paying more attention to that than my cast, as it neatly looped over the rocks to splash down on the west side.

I reeled as fast as I could and when my plug made contact with the rocks I pulled back hard and fast. The plug popped high into the air and I can still picture it hanging there with that beautiful sunset in the background and as Steve taunted me with strains of Aannnthonnny...a 14 pound bass was waiting with its mouth wide open when my plug hit the water. Steve's mouth remained hung open for most of the next hour!

Things have changed a lot since those lost days of the early 70s and for a couple of years it seemed almost hopeless. The last two years, however, have seen a terrific resurgence of bass of all sizes in the Long Beach area. As a matter of fact, September of '82 provided some very fine bass action.

When you feel confident with the two methods I've described to you, try combining the two. Park your car and walk down to your starting point and work your way east or west with the popper for as many jetties as you can until it gets dark. At darkness, switch to the swimmer and work your way back. If there are any bass feeding around the rock piles, you're bound to connect.

While you don't need a gaff (all fish can be easily beached), it's wise to carry a rope for those you wish to keep and a measuring device for shorts. As a final note, I'll say I prefer southwest winds, but any wind is fine at the height of the run. Remember, you don't catch bass if you aren't there. Putting your time in is the name of the game.

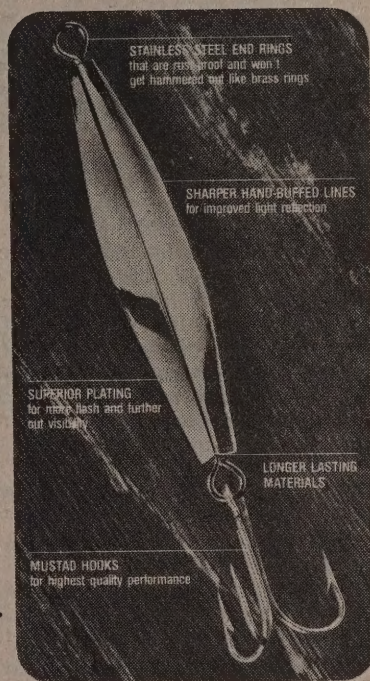
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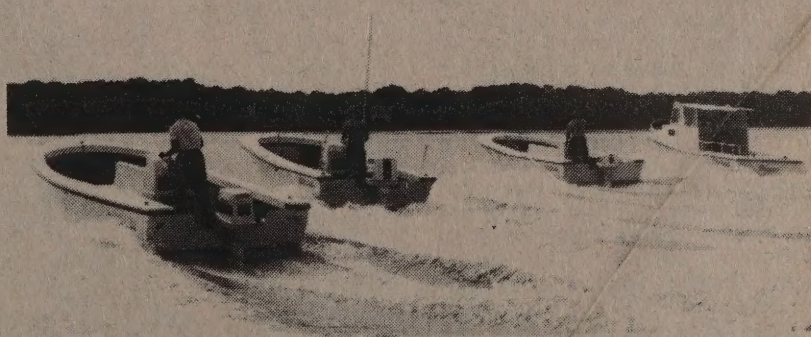
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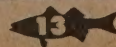
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LAST CALL FOR FLUKE

by Fred Golofaro

September provides south shore anglers with a parting shot at this summer favorite. And a final chance to stock the freezer!

Despite the high level of popularity enjoyed by the summer flounder during July and August, there is a decided drop in interest once Labor Day arrives. Maybe it can be attributed to the end of summer and less people fishing or could it be that anglers have just had their fill of these inshore favorites by this time? I have serious reservations about the latter, since fluke probably rate higher in eating quality than any fish that swim our waters. Few people I know would pass up an opportunity to further stock the freezer with a supply of these sweet tasting fillets. More than likely, many people are just not aware of the caliber of fluke fishing that is available during September.

Whichever the case may be, many south shore boatmen are missing out on some of the best fluking of the season as the flatties respond to cooling bay waters and drop into the deep water of the inlets. Here they mass and feed up in preparation for their annual offshore migration, making them easy targets for open and private boat anglers alike.

Probably nowhere else is this scenario, often referred to as the "funnel effect," better demonstrated than in the waters of Great South Bay and Fire Island Inlet. Once September rolls around, popular summertime fluke spots such as Dickerson Channel, West Channel, Ocean Beach, Kismet, the Lighthouse, Snake-Hill Channel and the State Boat Channel play second fiddle to the Inlet area. Here anglers work the rips west of the Robert Moses Bridge clear down to the mouth of the inlet. The waters adjacent to the Sore Thumb and Cedar Beach get most of the attention and when seas are calm, it's not unusual to find the best fluke action in the ocean waters just outside the inlet.

Along with having the fish concentrated in a smaller area, the average size of these September-run fluke is larger than at any time during the season. Most of the fish taken will range from two to three pounds with a better than average shot at a fish or two in the four to five pound range. The key to the bigger flatties are big baits such as live snappers, which are still abundant through most of September, or tandem hooked smelt of four to five inches in length. Tide-runner weeds prowl these waters now as well and it's rather common to have a live snapper picked up by one



Fluke like this one taken by Jamie Bogenschutz, add a special touch to September fluking. Note the baitcasting outfit.



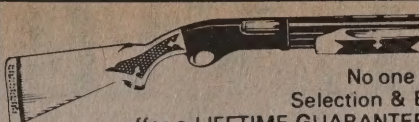
of these gamesters. Of course, the usual array of sand eels, killies, spearing, fluke belly, squid strips and almost any combination of the above remain effective on September fluke.

Tackle is no different than at any time during the season and I always recommend conventional or baitcasting gear with a tendency towards the light side. Reels similar in size to Penn's 9MS or 940 and spooled with 15 pound test mono (you can go to 20 if you're more comfortable with it) are more than adequate for most south shore fluking situations. Match this up to a six foot light action stick, but remember that while you're looking for a sensitive tip, there will be times when current strength dictates use of three or four ounces of lead. Make sure the rod can handle it. You may be surprised at how limber a blank will provide the necessary backbone. The use of anything heavier than four ounces is negated by the lighter line you'll be using. Fifteen pound test creates far less drag and water resistance than say, 30 pound test which seems to be preferred by many open and private boat anglers alike but is really over-gunning when it comes to fluke. The light stuff will also easily handle any big weak that comes along. The important thing to remember when leaning towards the light side is always make sure your drag is properly set and you should never have any problems. In the long run, the lighter gear will put more fish in the box due to the added "feel" afforded by lighter line, lighter sinker weights and a more sensitive tip.

Terminal gear should be kept plain and simple, although I do find that a small amount of white bucktail adorning the hook adds to the effectiveness of a bait. A small three-way swivel with a large duo-lock snap attached to one of the eyes for your sinker and a three foot length of 30 pound mono leading to a 2/0 to 4/0 Eagle claw hook dressed with a tuft of bucktail makes an ideal fluke rig. Stay away from the gaudy pre-made rigs that come adorned with an array of beads and spinner blades. You will find more of your fishing time occupied by pesty bait stealers like the sea robin with such rigs. And backstepping a bit, while I included squid on the bait list, I prefer to avoid using this bait for the same reason.

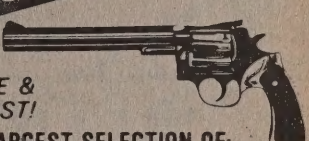
If you would like to extend your fluke season a bit longer this year, give this late season action a try. If you lack a boat of your own, there are a number of Captree open boats that will remain on the fluke run through most of the month or as long as the demand is there. Some will mix fluke with flounder by mid-month, giving you a shot at the bigger flatties on the more productive flood tide and the more abundant flounder on the ebb. September fluking doesn't really hold much in the way of secrets other than you need to concentrate your efforts at the inlets. It does, however, have much to offer in the way of quality fishing.

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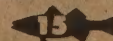


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WHERE VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

by Al Ristori

The Montauk party boat scene offers open boat anglers a dazzling array of species to choose from.

Montauk's unique positioning at the very eastern tip of Long Island provides anglers with an opportunity to catch a wide variety of species—and the party boat patron can take advantage of much of that diversity. As an example of what is possible, during the middle of September last year I caught cod, pollock, white hake, ling, porgies, flounder, fluke and bluefish (not to mention pesky bergalls and sea robins) all within two days—and without changing party boats.

That action resulted from three trips in two days aboard the Viking Starship, a 140-footer that provides a lot more comfort than most East Coast fishermen are used to. We started out with a Nantucket wreck trip, followed the next morning by a porgy sailing—and topped off by a night bluefish adventure.

The Nantucket wreck trip was one of several planned every spring and fall by the president of the Viking Fleet, Captain Paul Forsberg. There are several wrecks far to the east of Montauk which normally harbor loads of cod, pollock and white hake. The most famous of these is the Andrea Doria, but most of that huge passenger ship is unfishable due to a net which envelopes it. There's no such problem involved in fishing the Pennsylvania and Republic or another which Paul calls the Harry Glenn in honor of the commercial skipper who gave him the Loran numbers on it.

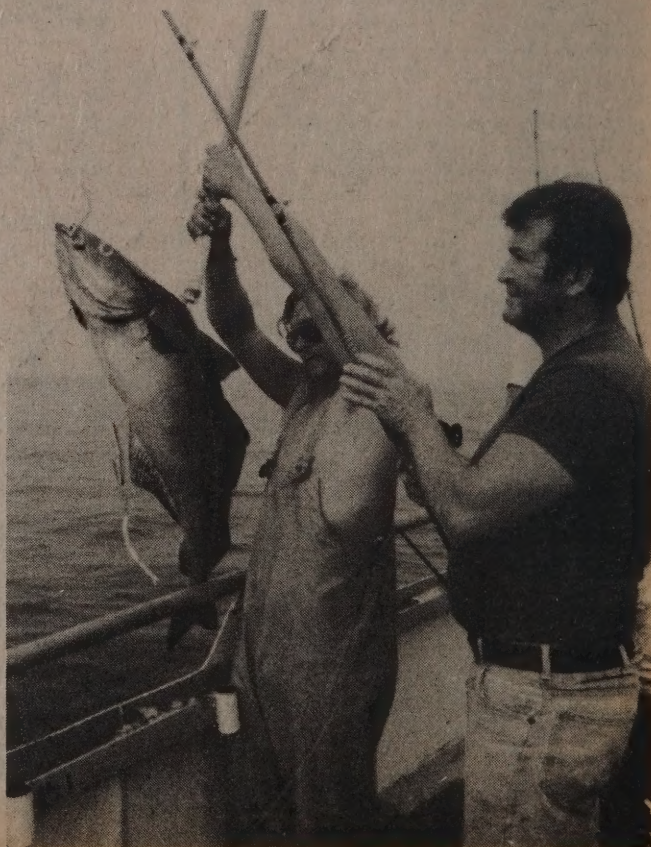
These special wreck trips involve limited reservations in order that everyone can fish comfortably. The spacious bunk rooms make the hours go by rapidly, though some prefer to stay awake long enough to participate in the inevitable poker game. The

Starship leaves at 11PM (usually on designated Sunday nights) and is fishing early the next morning. Inevitably these trips produce good fishing, though last year's weren't quite up to par. This may have been the result of unusual water temperatures—an indication of which was the presence of ling on the wrecks, the first time Paul has encountered them there.

Nevertheless, full bags are the rule even on trips that don't provide the very best fishing. The first stop on the trip I made produced only a slow pick of small cod, white hake and ling. Only a few small pollock came up. The next wreck was a different story altogether, with cod of all sizes and a late flurry of big pollock on both bait and jigs. The latter species often provides non-stop action on these wrecks for an hour or so, sometimes making



Big white hake are common on the Nantucket wrecks.



Steven Forsberg gaffs a pollock for Joe Pellitier. Notice it hit tube rigged ahead of diamond jig.



it difficult to even get a bait to bottom. However, they do tend to move off and on the wreck during the day—and you never know if you'll be there at the right time.

The cod that took the pool on that calm, cloudy day was in excess of 50 pounds and was worth over \$1,000. Frequently, it takes a cod of over 60 pounds to win a Nantucket wreck pool, and it's not unusual for an ever bigger white hake to beat out a pool-winning cod in the smaller "anything goes" pool. The pollock pool is usually closely contested as there are many big ones around. Pollock in the 30s are common, and I was aboard once when one in the 40s was caught.

Altogether, the Nantucket wreck trips provide an unusual experience and very fine fishing for species that aren't abundant closer to shore during September. Indeed, big white hake are unusual in our area and you're even liable to come up with a real oddity such as a cusk. This fall, Captain Forsberg will be mixing up the Nantucket wreck excursions with some to the prolific Georges Banks area, which is an even longer run. There you not only have excellent codfishing, but also haddock, wolf-fish, and a few giant halibut.

With a good sleep on the way back from Nantucket, it's easy to get up the next morning and fish porgies locally. The Starship was used for the porgy run after the fluke fishing dropped off, but the new 100-foot Viking Starlite will probably continue to work the porgies this year—with the Starship possibly being added to handle weekend crowds. And there should be crowds for September porgy fishing at Montauk! The fishing then is at its peak and full bags are the rule rather than the exception. We certainly had no trouble loading up on that Tuesday last September, despite a problem with strong tides.

Though there was good fishing to be had closer to the point, Paul Forsberg, Jr. (the porgy expert among the fishing Forsbergs) decided to try a favorite spot near Midway Buoy. On the end of the flood, that drop payed off handsomely with lots of fine porgies, some flounder and a nice fluke. However, the big surprise was the number of cod caught. Most were small, but some went several pounds. As soon as the ebb tide started running hard, sea robins took over and Paul, Jr. headed to a spot south of the point where we could fish out of the full force of the current. Despite swinging around on our anchor, that area provided a steady pick of porgies along with flounder and fluke. By the end of the day, everyone had a nice load of fine eating fish and there were nothing but happy faces walking off the Starship. Some of the harder working patrons probably had over 100 porgies, which ran in the one to one-and-a-half pound class.

There was just enough time to clean up and have a leisurely dinner before the Starship turned around for the

nightly 7PM bluefish trip. Earlier in the season the Starship runs to Block Island for consistent fishing in generally moderate tides. The closer Cartwright Grounds (south of the point) come to life around mid-August and get better as the season goes on. It's a bit of a gamble at first, as strong tides can make fishing difficult at times. However, the fishing is so solid by September that there's no need to go anywhere else.

The Cartwright blues are even bigger than those found off Block Island, and they are often suicidal. Yet they, too, have their off nights and this was one of them. Bites were easy to come by, but the blues were very hard to hook. It should be noted that the Starship uses single hook drail rigs and cut bait rather than the whole baits and double-hook rigs favored during the day by private anglers. The latter make hooking up a lot easier, but the night action is usually so furious that it doesn't make any difference how many are lost. The single hook rigs certainly make it a lot easier to unhook the fish and take out tangles—as well as serving to minimize the number of fishermen ending up with hooks in the hand or bluefish bites on the fingers!

Though we had to "finesse" them a bit, the bluefish came aboard in a steady stream. Eventually, the lights on the Starship attracted choppers to the surface and we started catching them by just drifting out a bait to fish swimming around the surface or following other hooked blues. Those who were having a hard time hooking the blues in the depths soon filled their bags with the surface fish.

Cartwright blues are big day and night, but some even bigger choppers are caught at night. Twenty-pounders aren't uncommon and the average fish is usually over 10 pounds. Our night was a relatively slow one, but everyone had a load of blues. More normally the anglers ask to be taken in earlier than the scheduled 2AM docking time as they're tired from pulling on those gorillas! Best of all, this fishing is amazingly consistent. There may be a poor night or two during the summer, but this night fishing stays hot even when there may be a serious mid-summer slump to the west.

When it comes to variety, it's hard to beat Montauk—and, as illustrated by my mid-September trips last fall, it's possible to catch many of the finest eating fish of the mid-Atlantic within just a couple of days. The expense can be minimized by taking advantage of discounts offered by the Viking Fleet for making successive trips. You don't have to wait for a Nantucket wreck or Georges Bank trip to combine cod with the other species, as the Viking Star sails daily for the Coxes Ledge codfishing grounds about 40 miles to the east. If variety is indeed the spice of life, Montauk surely has it—and the party boat patron can enjoy a good part of it in just a couple of days!

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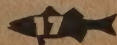
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SOUND AS A ROCK

by Gerald Hahn

Long Island Sound jetties surrender a mixed bag of fish as summer wanes and fall beckons.

I often take to browsing along 14th Street in downtown Manhattan. The sidewalks between 7th Avenue and Union Square are lined like a bazaar in Calcutta, with peddlers hawking a bewildering array of legitimate and illicit goods, from vans, pushcarts and make-shift stands. One guy is selling "Cartier" watches at \$10 apiece, while the next one insists you buy 50-foot extension cords. Meanwhile, a third person offers a buck to anyone who can beat him at three-card Monte, the oldest trick in the book. Every summer day, rain or shine, as aspiring artist paints the same red sunset for \$5.95, while nearby a fisherman-type unloads blues at \$1.50 a pound. All year-round, 14th Street offers a fascinating kettle of fish.

So does Long Island Sound in September. The angler, for instance, who expects to catch porgies is suddenly confronted by flounder, fluke, or blackfish. Snapper fishermen's gossamer lines are intermittently severed by schools blues or weaks. For the Sound in late summer is like a bustling airport terminal during the holiday season; just as people from various places are coming and going, so are various species, such as porgies, blues, fluke and weaks preparing to migrate, while blackfish

and flounder are just settling in.

Catching a variety of fish is more exciting than catching only one species. There's a certain element of surprise, like a grab bag, particularly when you detect a hint of a different order from the norm. In fact, the north shore in September becomes a fascinating school for learning how different species behave. To be sure, even unsophisticated anglers can feel the different impact of a head-shaking chopper blue and the leaden weight of a cod. But other vastly different species are remarkably alike in the way they react to a bait. Take blackfish and porgies, for example. If both fish weighed the same, could you detect the difference at the first sign of a nibble? Both fish have large teeth in front and equally small mouths; both strike a bait with the finesse of a jazz drummer performing a roll. Only after the fish is hooked can you tell who's who (most of the time, at least), for the porgy then takes to an obstacle course, whereas the blackfish plummets to the bottom and dares you to pull him out. I once thought I had caught a fluke, but about halfway through the bout I realized it was a weakfish. In this comparison, both fish take their baits neat (no staccato taps on the line), but weaks make short erratic runs just below the

surface whereas fluke pull downward and then glide smoothly over the bottom.

A tackle shop full of rigs, baits and lures is not required for catching a kettle of fish. Indeed, two rods, at least one bait and a few lures will account for the most unexpected situations. For September fishing on the Sound, I bring a light six foot spinner with a small matching reel filled with eight to ten pound test for casting lures to snappers, school blues and weaks, and oddly, a larger eight foot jetty stick with a light surf spinning reel and 15 or 20 pound test for tempting bottom feeders with bait. September's bottom fish are not necessarily tougher than September's predatory fish; but the terrain is.

An excellent all-purpose hook for bouillabaisse fishing is a #6 Virginia, small enough to snare a bay porgy or a flounder, yet strong enough to hang onto a bulldog blackfish or a large fluke. Should sand porgies or small flounder predominate, however, I find that smaller #6 claw hooks are better. These freshwater hooks are snelled on 12 inch leaders of 20 pound test, whereas the Virginias are snelled with 30 or 40 pound test.

Rigging up for a mixed bag of fish requires some trial and error. For example, if different species are



North shore jetty anglers can expect a mixed bag at this time of the year.

feeding in deep water, a hi-lo rig is the most effective, since it covers two levels. An end loop secures a one to four ounce bank sinker (depending on wind and current), and two dropper loops on the main line, one about an inch or two above the sinker, the other 13 inches above the first, complete the rig. Some fishermen prefer tandem rigs for their mixed bags and tie the hooks together, the end of one snelled leader to the middle of the other. When fishing in rough terrain, however, for such species as porgies and blackfish, a single hook is less likely to snag. This rig is fashioned in the same manner as the bottom hook on a hi-lo rig or with a snap swivel which also secures the sinker. On a calm September day, some anglers use a fishfinder rig, the kind with a sliding egg sinker on the main line, above a barrel swivel which holds the snelled hook. The rig rolls somewhat, and therefore is especially attractive to fluke, porgies, and predatory fish, though not to flounder and blackfish.

Of all baits, the seaworm (sand or blood worm) is my first choice for catching different species. All the bottom fish mentioned are attracted to worms, and so are weakfish. The only difference in rigging the worms is the amount you use. For instance, sand porgies and small flounder require only a morsel, whereas their larger brethren need a generous amount. Weaks, fluke and blackfish like the whole thing.

Schools of large snappers often ripple the surface water in September, but it is wasteful to catch them with costly worms when you can easily catch all you want with lures. Tie a metal lure of about one-half ounce, such as a Hopkins, Kastmaster, Krocodile, Sidewinder, Sprite, or a small mackerel jig (a diamond jig) directly to the line on your light rod with an improved clinch knot and you're in business. Not only are snappers a delight to catch, they also make an excellent live-lined bait for fluke and weaks. Cannibalistic blues are occasionally fond of live snappers, as well. Catch a snapper with the light rod, transfer it to the Virginia hook on the other rod, by impaling the fish just ahead of the dorsal fin, and lob it into the current. A sinker is not necessary although some fishermen use a small clinch sinker about a foot above the hook. A free bait, the snapper increases your chance at the mixed bag game.

Should you want to invest in another bait, consider fiddler crabs or green crabs for blackfish. Although blackfish are fond of worms, they prefer hard baits in late summer. One or two fiddlers are hooked through the back of the shell or in the socket of the male's large claw. Green crabs, being larger, are cut into sections and stripped of the carapace. The leg sockets provide holdfasts for the hook.

Why not serve a mixed platter to your kettle of fish? A hi-lo rig, for example, can support a crab on the

bottom and a worm on the top. Sinker bouncers often find that combinations of worm and clam or squid and clam perform better than a single bait on a hook for various species. Likewise, you should bring a variety of artificials in assorted sizes. A 3/4 ounce Hopkins or a one ounce Kastmaster, for instance, not only handles various sized snappers (last year, mine ranged from five to 12 inches), but also school blues, weaks and even fluke. A few leadhead bucktails in white and some small swimming and diving plugs in assorted colors should be considered as well.

I like the north shore jetties for my kettle of fish. The end of the jetty puts me close to deep water, within reach of a varied terrain of sand bars, deep channels and submerged boulders that support mussels, barnacles and marine vegetation. Numerous sea organisms find refuge here although all the fish mentioned know where the next meal resides and thus come to me. The north shore's meandering beaches, with points and coves, are equally productive at times, but require diligent scouting until the fish are located.

When fishing the bottom from the end of a jetty, such as Mattituck Inlet's and Shoreham's west jetties, or the breakwaters at Garvey's Point in Glen Cove and Northport, it is best to make several long casts in an arc, with pauses at each location. If nothing happens, don't give up, for

the fish may be feeding closer to home. Try again; only this time make short casts and maintain a tight line. After thoroughly exploring the water here, move back 50 feet or so, and try again on both sides of the jetty. Remember to play any hooked fish instantly with the rod held high. If you want your fish in the kitchen kettle, remember also to bring a bucket or a wet sack.

School blues and snappers, of course, are taken on the run and require quick-moving lures on the surface or at mid-water. Weaks and fluke, however, prefer their lures bouncing slowly along the bottom and trailing a piece of worm or a strip of squid.

September's kettle of winds often play havoc with fishing conditions on the Sound. For at this time, northerly gusts blow and sweep in loads of vegetation. On the other hand, dead flat water on top is often dead on the bottom, as well. Nevertheless, cooler temperatures at this time create better conditions in the day for bottom fishing than in the summer. Since predators almost always prefer low light, the best time to catch a mixed kettle of fish is in the early morning or late afternoon, especially around a tidal change.

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SALMON RIVER UPDATE

by Dick Mermon

This popular fresh water fishery has undergone some changes that you should be aware of.

Since the initial release of fingerling salmon and steelhead trout into New York's Salmon River some 14 years ago, Department of Environmental Conservation biologists have endured verbal and written criticism concerning the taking of salmon by snatch hooks in the river. It has become increasingly apparent that a great number of steelheads were also being injured or caught. Hence, new regulations governing the area had to be placed into effect. These were adopted gradually, but were still found to be lacking. That has all been changed according to the recently released 1983 regulations which went into effect on August 15th.

While past years provided the "snatch" fisherman an opportunity,

as it does today, to land a trophy size salmon, it did not specify that steelhead were to be released and so a law was established that all foul-hooked trout were to be freed. The law read, "all fish other than Pacific Salmon are to be released when hooked in this manner." Well, there is always more than one way to skin a cat. So, a method known as "lifting" was devised to perform an injustice to non-feeding steelheads. The system was to spot a fish in shallow water, drift a weighted fly, imitation egg sack, single salmon egg, or even brightly colored floss into a position close to the trout's nose, then lift the rod tip upwards quickly, impaling the hook near, in, or somewhere close to its mouth. Experts were so proficient

in this method of snatching that they could limit out with five steelhead within an hour's fishing time, then go back for more after depositing the fish at home.

To forestall this eminently unique modus operandi of arresting large steelhead, the state has placed new enforcements on the type of rig which may be employed while fishing on the river. Only a single hook no larger than 1/2 inch gap can be used in conjunction with a leader no shorter, and I repeat, **NO SHORTER** than 24 inches in length from the weight, or swivel. Deviation to a shorter leader length will bring a summons to the fisherman.

In order to give salmon anglers their share of sport, the DEC has not



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eliminated snagging completely, merely curtailing time and fishing areas. Should snagging be eliminated completely from the river, and this will never happen, it would deprive local businesses of much needed assets from fishing-tourist dollars during the summer and fall salmon migrations, and winter steelhead season.

Instead of the river being completely opened in all areas for snagging, from the mouth to Rt. 52 bridge at Altmar, as it was in the past, its shorelines have been segmented into three sections. The following are the regulations which became effective August 15, 1983, for Sections A, B, and C:

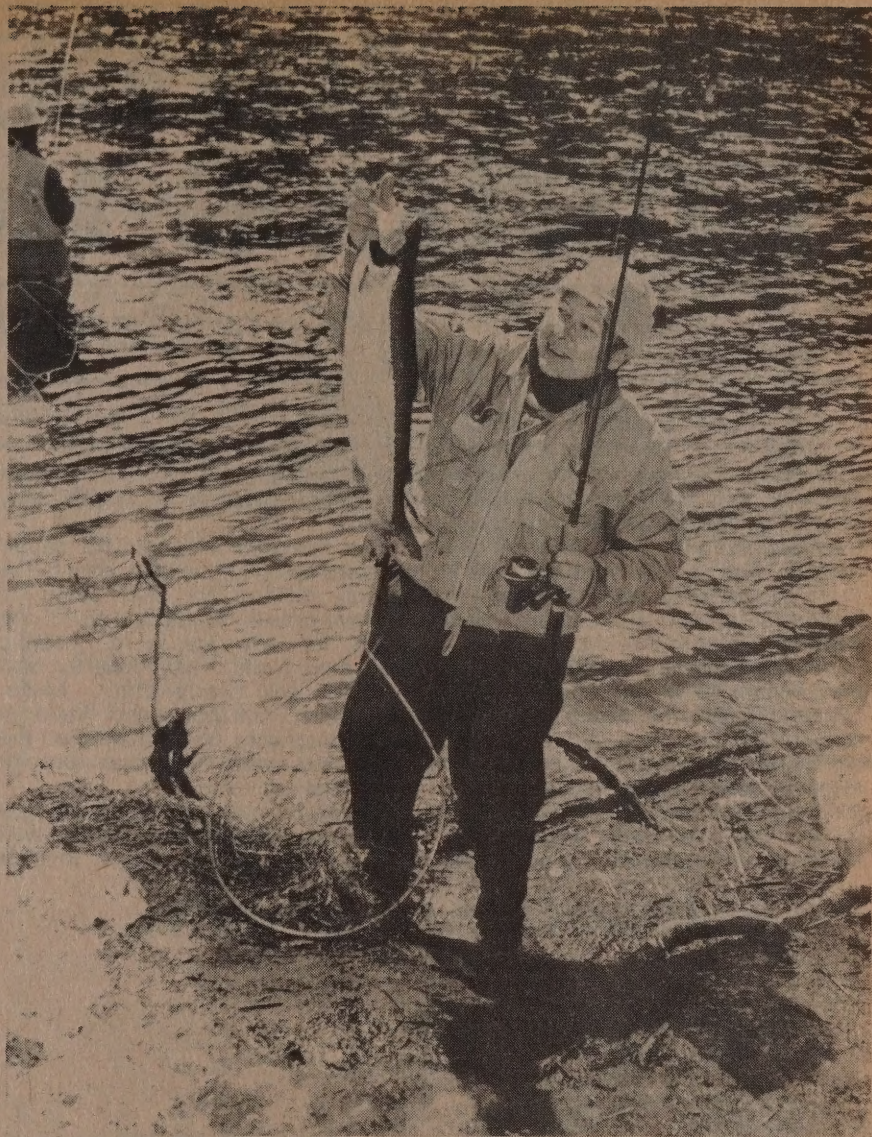
SECTION A: Salmon River from its mouth to the County Rt. 48 bridge at Pineville and Trout, Orwell and Laney's Brooks upstream to the first barrier to fish migration. These regulations are from August 15 through March 15 and snagging is NOT limited to Pacific salmon ONLY as in Section B.

SECTION B: Snagging is limited to **Pacific Salmon Only** in Section B from August 15 through October 15. All other species not hooked in the mouth must be released. Snagging is permitted in this Section from County Rt. 48 bridge at Pineville to County Rt. 52 bridge at Altmar.

SECTION C: From the County Rt. 52 bridge at Altmar to Lighthouse Hill Reservoir and Beaverdam Brook from the mouth upstream to the Salmon River Hatchery dam, **fishing is totally prohibited**, unless otherwise posted by the NYS Dec.

General Regulations for Sections A and B are as follows: (1) Daily limit of three (3) trout or salmon in aggregate (no longer is it five per day as it was in past years); (2) Minimum length: nine (9) inches; (3) Possession of a gaff or gaff hooks are prohibited unless engaged in ice fishing; (4) Fishing is prohibited in the north channel of the Salmon River within 100 yards of the Pulaski weir and within 100 yards of any fish collecting device operated by NYS DEC; (5) All foul-hooked fish (not hooked in the mouth) must be released immediately except that from August 15 through October 15 in Section B, and if so posted, Section C, foul-hooked Pacific salmon **only** may be retained; (6) Herding, driving, stoning and other overt actions to force fish from their concealments is prohibited while angling and snagging.

Additional Regulations for Section A (between August 15 through March 15) and Section B (between October 16 through August 14) are as follows: (1) Fishing prohibited from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise; (2) Snagging, blind snagging and lifting (snagging with a single pointed hook) is prohibited; (3) Maximum hook gap is a half inch on single or treble; (4) All lures except artificial flies must have free-swinging hooks; (5) Floating lures may have no more than one treble hook; (6) All



The author with a Salmon River steelhead of nine pounds taken on an egg sack.

other lures and baits must have no more than one hook point; (7) All added weights must be attached above a swivel, ring or similar device tied permanently to the line a minimum of 24 inches above the hook. Weighted artificial flies are permitted; (8) All weighted or metallic lines must be used with an unweighted monofilament leader a minimum of 6 (six) feet in length.

These new regulations are not as bad or confusing as one would feel for they are designated to give the steelheader the best opportunity on the river. In fact, Section B has some additional rules:

SECTION B: From August 15 through October 15; (1) Angling is permitted; (2) Snagging, blind snagging and lifting is permitted for **Pacific Salmon ONLY**. All other fish not hooked in the mouth must be released immediately without undue injury; (3) Fishing is prohibited from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise; (4) Only conventional sport fishing rods, reels and lines with one hook with a maximum gap of a half inch and no more than three hook

points may be used.

Although night fishing is illegal during the prime steelhead run, it is permitted in Sections A and B from March 16 through August 14 and state-wide tackle regulations apply.

These new regulations will be strictly enforced by DEC officers in uniform dress as well as by those camouflaged as anglers. Therefore, it would be wise to adhere to this new complement of regulations which seek to afford steelheads better protection. The chinook and coho salmon have their glory and time, whereby the steelhead deserves its opportunity for survival.

For further information, an interested angler can write to: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, P.O. Box 5170, Cortland, N.Y. 13045; or call "Hot Line Information": Oswego County—(315) 342-LURE (5873); Region #7—(607) 753-1551; Region #6—(315) 782-2663.

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NEW BREED OF FISHING BOATS

by Pete Barrett

A look at some alternatives to traditional fishing boats.

The latest versions of the modern center console are truly super fishing boats. The design layouts of consoles, interiors, storage compartments, hull designs and safety features make them remarkably well adapted to needs of sport fishermen from Massachusetts to Florida.

There are some experienced and hard fishing fishermen, however, who wanted the features of both the center console and the features of a small cabin. A small cabin gives you sleeping space, privacy for a shower and/or a head, tackle storage, a place for the kids. For those anglers who fish in the cold season, it gives some

protection behind a windshield to get out of the November or March chilly winds.

The manufacturers of the center consoles always have their ears to the ground looking for new ways to improve present boats and to fill the needs for new trends of boating fishermen. It didn't take long for boat builders like Grady-White, Mako, Aquasport, Hydrasport and Wellcraft to come up with boats that filled the need for a cabin fisherman and for lots of fishing room.

Among the early leaders in this new trend was Grady White, long a well respected builder of rugged inshore

and offshore boats. The boys at Grady-White came up with a series of boats that featured a walkaround deck that gave the angler access to the bow area, yet still offered a small cabin for comfort. To say the style was well received is an understatement—they took off like a shot and they sell very well. Aquasport also has a series of walkaround boats; Mako has a 23 footer and there are more on the way from several manufacturers as everyone takes to the design tables to get on board the walkaround train.

The boats have several advantages that should be of interest to Fisherman readers. In the smaller sizes,



Large fuel capacity, ample fishing room, make walkaround cabin boats good choices for offshore action.

from 18 to 22 feet they are easily trailerable, so the angler can take his boat, economically, to the best fishing grounds of each season. Cape May weakies, Mud Hole blues, Barnegat sharks and Wildwood bonito are all within easy reach. Of course, with the proper towing vehicle, the larger sizes are also trailerable and I've recently seen several hefty 25 footers at local ramps.

The fuel capacity is large on the 25 foot versions. With more and more boaters using the mini-canyon runners to head to the deep, blue waters in quest of tunas and marlin, that's a big plus. Many of these walkarounds hold in the 200 gallon range, which is plenty of fuel for a day trip to the canyon. The advantage of the cabin is welcomed on any day when it's breezy and spray would drench a center console boat. The cabin, with proper canvas and plastic, would be bone dry.

Family convenience is especially appreciated by gals and junior members of the family. Many women like to fish and they'll fish just as hard as any man, yet the comfort of a private head, a place to keep the kids dry, and a place to keep food and clothes neat and dry is important. I've talked to many, many wives and girl friends at The Fisherman Workshops who all echo the same, "Your Mako center console is nice, but I want my husband to get a cabin boat." The walkarounds offer the best of both worlds.

My first look at walkarounds was about six years ago and I remember being very turned off by some of the early styles because they were designed for boaters who were more interested in where to put the soda can holder and not where the fishing rods were going to go.

The Mako, Aquasport, Grady-White and Hydrasports all have rod storage aplenty, live wells for live bait, large fish boxes, storage for gun'll placement of rods, dash areas with lots of room for Loran, radios, and graph recorders.

Many anglers are going the full route when they buy their walk-around, or a cuddy cabin rig for that matter, and have small towers installed above the cabin area. This gives much better vision for trolling for tuna and gives a lot of storage for rods, heavy duty gaffs and many towers have gin poles built right in for lifting big sharks or tunas.

Walkarounds, cuddy cabins and walk-through boat designs are a neat approach for those fishermen who feel they need a bit more protection than the center console offers. Will they replace the center console? Hardly! Most fishermen we talk to lean towards the center console skiff, but for many others, the walkaround is a fishable alternative. They both have their spot in the scheme of boats and fishing and the best part is the enlarged alternatives and choices you, the fishermen, have when you're ready to choose your new rig.

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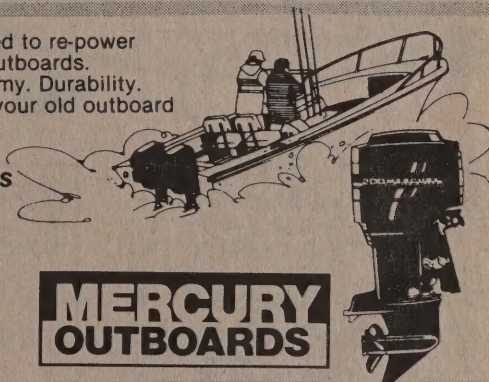
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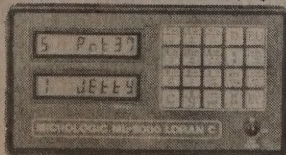
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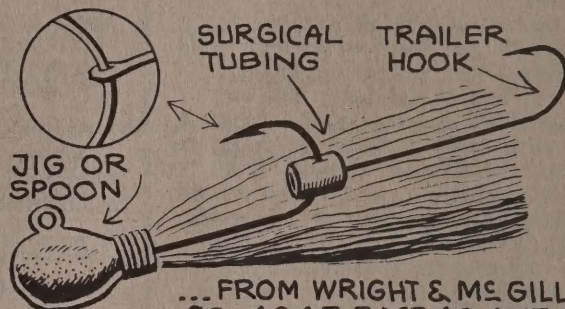
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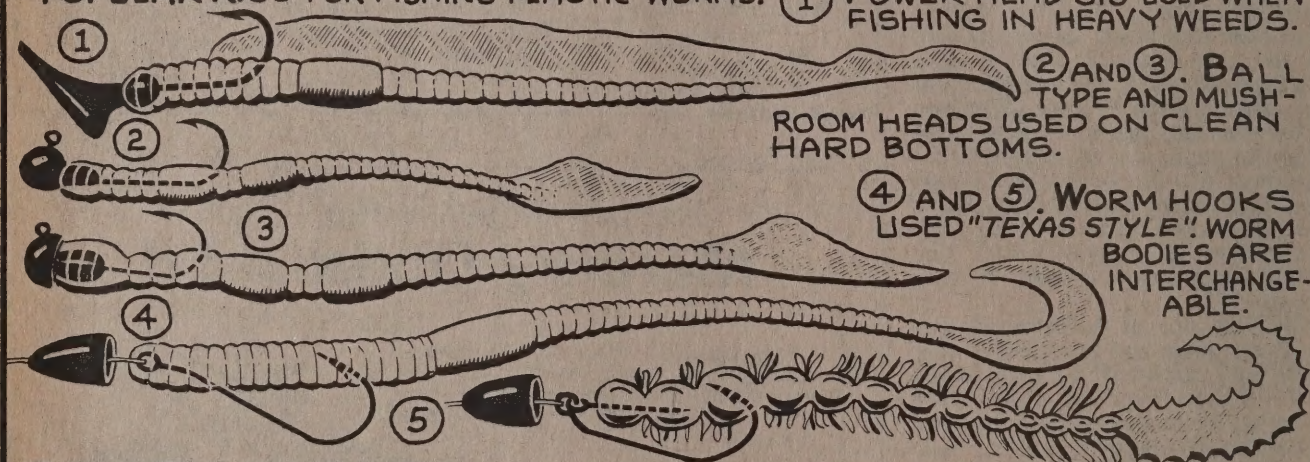
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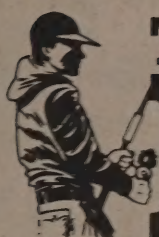


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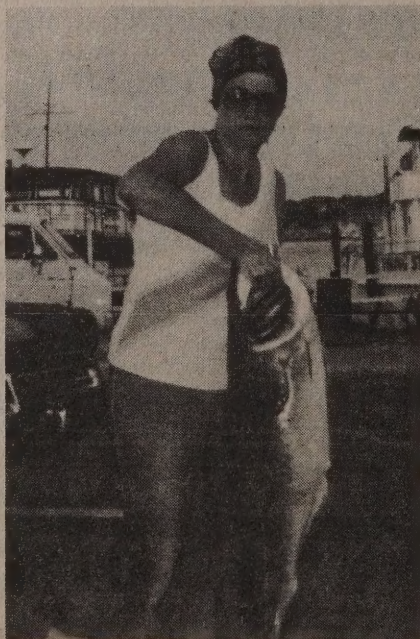
with Stu Miller

Many giant tuna, mini giants and footballs have made their presence known in this area this week, with the largest reported to us being a 938 lb giant tuna. Porgies are in solid as are the bluefish, with fluke seeming to be on the wane.

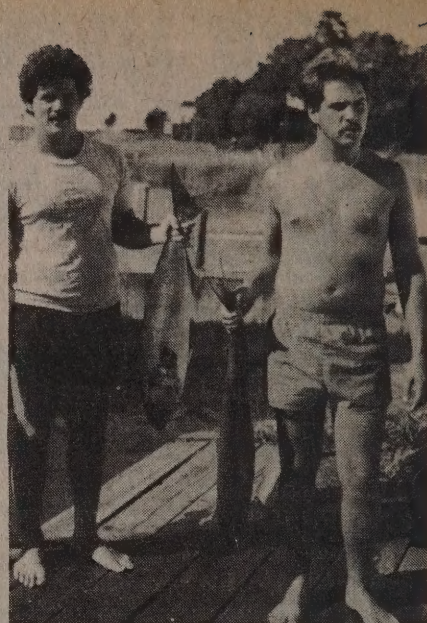
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Fishing aboard the charter boat **Adios** on Monday, Staten Island angler Bill Lazowski hooked and took one hour to land the 938 lb. giant which was taken on chum and bait. Luckily the fish fought on the surface or Bill might still be strapped into the chair. During the week, Nick Zirelli boated 24 football tuna. On Sunday's trip, three brown shark and several footballs were hauled in. Fishing has generally been south of Block. The footballs are running 10 to 40 lbs. and are hitting feathers, Cedar jigs and blue Softies.

From **Little Bear and Flying Cloud**, the steady Montauk porgie boats we learn that the porgying has been very good all week right through Saturday, but with the heavy boat traffic on Sunday and on Labor Day, the fish scattered and were hook shy. Things should be bouncing back again,



Margaret Kessler hefts the 30 lb. pool winning cod she decked during a recent trip aboard the Montauk open boat, "Viking Star."



Peter and Paul Batterson heft a pair of 15 lb. choppers taken on Montauk's Cartwright Grounds. The two anglers put a total of 35 blues in the 10 to 15 lb. class into the box of their Jawbreaker. Photo courtesy of Noyac Marina.

however, by the time you read this. All fishing has been under the Lighthouse with all fish medium and large.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the six man limit open boat **Waxed** tells of prolific porgy action on his boat with individual catches usually going from a bucket to over two buckets. Porgies have been in sizes qualifying 37 to top off a bucket. Some anglers do hoist their porgy catch to over the 100 mark. Medium to jumbo sea bass are also being caught.

Dom Fileiu of Queens and group had just over 1,000 pounds of blues Monday aboard the charter boat **Julie III** fishing Cartwright, fish to 15 lbs.

Please note that the **Viking Fleet** has extended the spectacular Nomans Land porgy trips to every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 3AM. The skipper said this was because the demand for these trips was so strong and the catches so good that too many people were being turned away. See ad for details. The codfishing has been very good at Block Island with good cod-fishermen getting upwards of 20 cod. A 360 lb. giant tuna was taken from the boat Saturday and Paul says there are lots of tuna swimming and also being caught at Coxes. He says if you're going on one of these cod trips, be sure to bring diamond jigs so you'll get a whack at the tuna. The fluking is still fair to good. This will be the last week that the Viking Fleet will fluke this year. From this past week Nomans Land adventures, we discover that Peter Kudlakf of NJ bagged up with 135 porgies while

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . -0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	12:25	12:55	10:15	10:35	10:05	10:25	10:55	11:20	12:45	1:10	12:25	12:50	10:05	10:30	9/8
FRI.	1:15	1:40	11:00	11:25	11:00	11:20	11:45	—	1:35	2:00	1:15	1:40	10:05	10:30	9/9
SAT.	2:10	2:30	11:50	—	11:50	—	12:10	12:35	2:25	2:50	2:05	2:30	10:55	11:20	9/10
SUN.	3:00	3:20	12:15	12:45	12:10	12:40	1:05	1:30	3:20	3:40	3:00	3:20	11:45	—	9/11
MON.	3:50	4:15	1:05	1:40	1:05	1:35	2:00	2:25	4:20	4:45	3:50	4:15	12:10	12:40	9/12
TUES.	4:45	5:05	2:05	2:35	2:00	2:25	3:00	3:25	5:30	5:55	4:50	5:15	1:05	1:35	9/13
WED.	5:45	6:05	3:05	3:40	2:50	3:20	4:10	4:30	6:35	7:00	5:50	6:10	2:05	2:35	9/14
THURS.	6:45	7:05	4:15	4:40	3:50	4:20	5:15	5:35	7:40	8:05	6:50	7:10	3:05	3:35	9/15

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 49
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehoboth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00

Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herd Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
Branford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	-0 08
Milford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	-0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point, north side	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	-0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higginum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
Davids Island	-0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spyuten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	-1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/8	6:32	7:23
FRI. 9/9	6:33	7:21
SAT. 9/10	6:34	7:19
SUN. 9/11	6:35	7:17
MON. 9/12	6:36	7:16
TUE. 9/13	6:37	7:14
WED. 9/14	6:38	7:12

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/8	8:05AM	8:36PM
FRI. 9/9	9:19AM	9:04PM
SAT. 9/10	10:30AM	9:34PM
SUN. 9/11	11:40AM	10:05PM
MON. 9/12	12:47PM	10:40PM
TUE. 9/13	1:51PM	11:20PM
WED. 9/14	2:51PM	—

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
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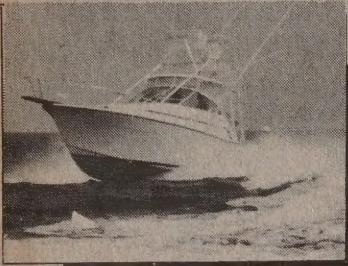
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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	6:40	12:25	7:05	12:55
Fri.	7:30	1:20	8:05	1:50
Sat.	8:30	2:20	9:00	2:45
Sun.	9:20	3:10	9:50	3:35
Mon.	10:15	4:05	10:45	4:30
Tues.	11:10	5:00	11:40	5:25
Wed.	—	5:55	12:05	6:20
Thurs.	12:35	6:45	12:55	7:10

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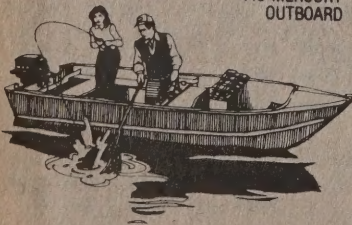
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Fluke	20 lb. 4 oz.	Tony Loperfido
Striped Bass	69 lb. 4 oz.	John Alberda
Bluefish	21 lb. 13 oz.	Richard Ramos
Weakfish	16 lb. 12 oz.	John Reynard
Pollock	45 lb. 0 oz.	Lawrence Soutiere
Mako Shark	495 lb. 0 oz.	Pete Spaniol
Bluefin Tuna	741 lb. 0 oz.	Steve Wallace
White Marlin	114 lb. 0 oz.	Ron Bruckner
Swordfish	OPEN—MINIMUM WEIGHT	
Brown Trout	9 lb. 6 oz.	Stan Borkowski
Brook Trout	3 lb. 15 oz.	Anthony Baffa
Rainbow Trout	6 lb. 8 oz.	Bill Ashak
Largemouth Bass	9 lb. 6 oz.	Robert Hill, Jr.

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Bluefish	16 lb. 14 oz.	Vincent Slikas
Weakfish	16 lb. 0 oz.	Richard Manna

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Flounder (tie)	4 lb. 0 oz.	Kevin Morrow
Blackfish	11 lb. 12 oz.	Ron Buchta, Jr.
Cod	45 lb. 0 oz.	Don Gronert
Fluke	15 lb. 2 oz.	Joseph Schneider
Striped Bass	50 lb. 8 oz.	John Callahan
Bluefish	16 lb. 8 oz.	Dennis Agostino
Weakfish	12 lb. 4 oz.	Kristian Bako
Pollock	30 lb. 0 oz.	Chris Neumann
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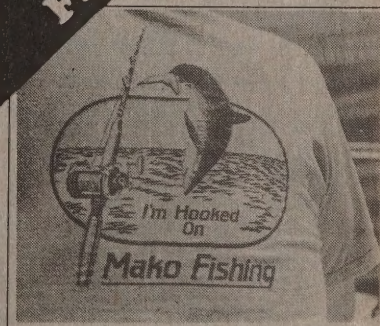


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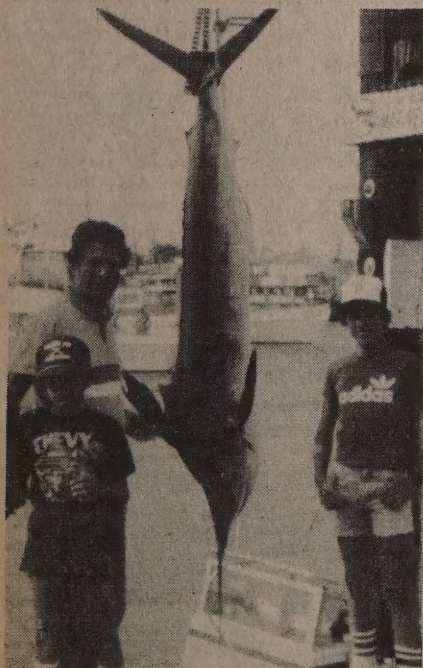
Aboard the charter boat **Ebb Tide** the giant tuna fishing continues good as evidenced by Monday's catch for the Albanese party of a 313 bluefin tuna taken at Coxes Ledge on a live whiting. There has also been good action with school and medium bluefin tuna.

Capt. Gene Kelly of the **Montauk** charter boat **Kellyboat** said that there was some good school tuna action on the west bank of the Butterfish hole in recent days. A two man weekend charter limited out with 12 bluefins between 15 and 35 pounds and then finished up the day at Cartwright with a mess of big blues. The skipper added that the bluefishing at Block has been unbelievable fish fish here averaging 9-10 pounds.

Capt. Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** also put in a word for the bluefishing at Cartwright and at Block Island. A party headed by Jerry G. loaded up with blues to 10 pounds and fluke to 5 at Block Island on Labor Day. Shark fishing remained slow at the Point but trolling action is much improved with a good showing of school bluefins and skipjack on the western edge of the Butterfish Hole. Joe reminded that he is now booking fall striped bass charters. See his ad for details.

Barbara and Chester Wolfe ran their boat to Block Canyon on Saturday and Sunday and returned with bigeyes of 285 pounds and 217 pounds. They also had a box full of true albacore and yellowfin tuna.

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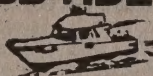
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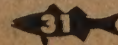
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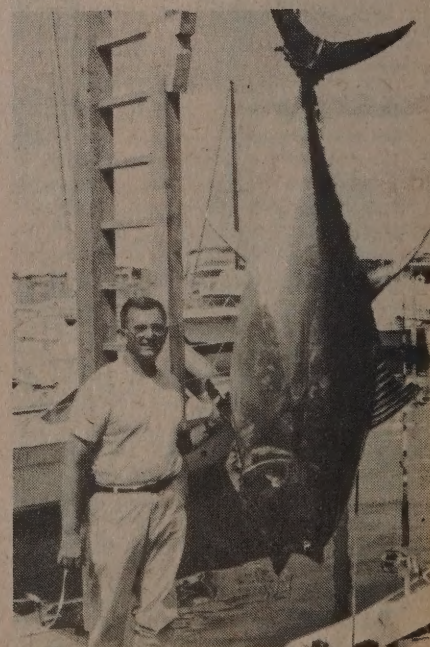


THE

Fisherman

charter boat **Julie III** said that bluefishing has been a slaughter at Cartwright. Porgy fishing is also in top form. On Saturday a group headed by Benny Morton averaged 75 porgies apiece in addition to some flounder and sea bass. On Sunday, the Vinnie Holstrum party loaded the cockpit with blues to 15½ pounds, 2 cod and a 6¼ pound sea bass, all taken on jigs at Cartwright.

From **Gone Fishing Marina**, Maur-
een Senefelder spoke of excellent
porgy fishing at Great Eastern and at
Gardiner's. Fluke fishing remains
pretty good with the bigger fish being
taken along the south side or at Block
Island. Bluefishing at both Cartwright
and Block has been super and school
tuna and skipjack are being trolled in
good numbers by the offshore clan.
On Saturday, Capt. Bob Storc of the
Caprice put the Don Henderson party
into nearly 200 porgies. The group
repeated the catch on Sunday. Capt.
Bill Ricca of the **Alyssa Ann** worked
Cartwright with jigs and bait and
wore out a party headed by Dr.
Morton Segel with blues to 16
pounds. On Sunday, Ives Morrissey
and Peter Antonelli put 69 big blues
into the cockpit of the **Alyssa Ann**
during a half-day charter. Capt. Jerry
McGrath of the **Nostalgia II** put away
50 blues and 12 fluke for Dr. Metzler
and family south of Block Island on
Friday. Saturday he traveled offshore
where he trolled 8 football tuna in the
10-20 pound class. Sunday's charter
for the Gomez party resulted in 80
blues at Cartwright. Maureen had two
youngsters to be especially proud of
this weekend. Her daughter Hillary
caught her first bass ever, a 40
pounder. Later in the day on Monday,
Donna Senefelder put away a 6¼

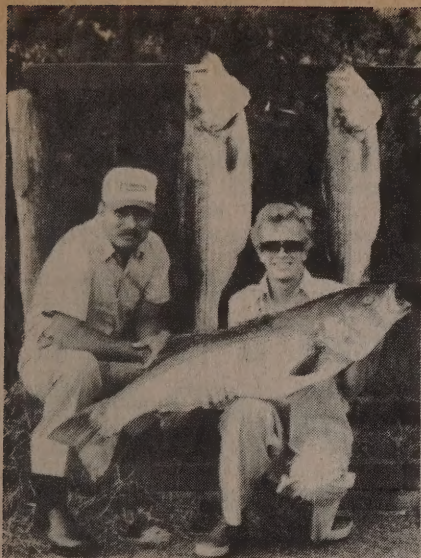


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pound fluke near Caswells. A couple of other youngsters managed some nice fluke including Linda Looft with a 5½ pounder and 5-year-old Dominic Cracco with a 6 pounder.

SOUTH FORK

Helen Jacobsen of **Noyac Marina** said that school weaks and porgies remain in good supply between the Monastery and Long Beach. Fluking has been spotty but there are some sea bass and quite a few blowfish around if you are lucky enough to find them. Lots of snappers throughout the bay. Helen asked that we remind customers that effective immediately the station will open 7AM daily and close on Wednesdays.

From the Sag Harbor open boat **Wilhelric** comes word that the porgy fishing has seen cold days and hot days. Saturday and Sunday were slow with the exception of four excellent hours Saturday morning, at which time private boat traffic slowed the action down. Thursday and Friday's porgy fishing was hot, with some fares scoring over 100 fish of mixed sizes at Gardiner's Island. The fluke trips are over for the year and now Tuesday's and Wednesday's will be dedicated to catching the bucktooth blackfish. The skipper advised that all tickets are sold for Sunday, Sept. 11.

From Southampton, **Speck's Bait and Tackle** told us that in the Shinnecock area flounder are starting to increase in numbers at the Basket area. Fluke catches were called "okay" in the inlet and east and west channels with fish going up to 3 lbs.

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South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Both Moriches and Great South Bay are showing signs of a late surge with fluke. Some good scores were made close by both inlets this past week. Daytime bluefish action on the Patchogue Grounds slumped but fish are still being taken while at night, the action remains as hectic as ever. Good numbers of yellowfin and bluefin tuna in 90-110' of water in the vicinity of the Patchogue Grounds have added a new dimension to the local offshore scene. While most skippers are trying to keep the action relatively quiet, there were enough reports to indicate that lots of fish are being taken. In addition to school fish, most in the 40-60 pound class, there have been several reports of giant tuna in the 500 pound range being taken. Radio chatter indicated as many as 3 of the big bluefins were landed on Monday and other reports spoke of an estimated 700 pound bluefin dropped at the boat.

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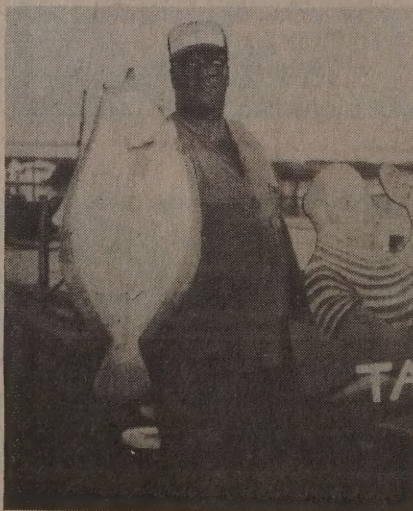
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Fishing out of Tadsen's Fishing Station in East Moriches, Vic Fehner topped off a catch of 45 keepers with this doormat of 11.1 pounds.

Jim DeVita at Skidmore's Fishing Station in East Moriches spoke of good fluking off of Haven's Point and also towards the inlet at the Elbow where several 5-6 pound fluke were taken on the weekend. Flounder fishing appears to be alive and well with several nice scores made south of buoy 36 along the edge of the bar. The winter flatties are mixed sizes ranging anywhere from 1/2 up to 2 pounds. Lots of porgies, sea bass and trigger fish are mixed with the flatties.

Over at Silly Lilly Fishing Station, Gary Grunseich said that the fluking is holding up well and noted that there are still plenty of fish in the bay off of Haven's Point which indicates the fishing should last for some time yet. He knew too of some good scores made at the Elbow with generally larger fish. The 3 hours before and after high water have been the key to good fluke action and combo baits have been working best. On Thurs-



Charles Mehes and Barry Sherman accounted for 10 nice fluke to 4 lbs. during a recent trip out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport. Fish were caught on last of incoming water at buoys 39 and 40 on squid and spearing combos.

day, Bill and Collin Lellis returned to the station with 26 fluke up to 3 pounds. Snappers are all over the place.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From J & J Tackle in Patchogue, Paul Graniello reported good weak-fishing over the weekend in the 10-12 foot depths off of West Sayville and Sayville. The fish which ranged between 1 and 3 pounds are being taken on small leadhead jigs fitted with a night crawler or a sandworm. Snapper fishing has been OK off local docks but has played 2nd fiddle to the crabbing which Paul described as very good. Mike Senese and his 4 year old son Josh anchored up less than a mile off of Patchogue and put away 96 snappers and 24 blowfish.

In West Sayville, Vinnie of south Bay Fishing Station, told of lots of weaks on the top of the flood and the beginning of the Ebb at buoys 29, 30 and off of Brown's River in Sayville. Both squid strips and sandworms have been taking the fish. Vinnie looked over at least 3 weaks in the 7-8 pound class that were mixed with the smaller weaks off of West Sayville on the weekend. A few kingfish and small blues are also mixed with the yellowfins. Some fluke up to 4 pounds have been taken near buoy 29 as well.

From J & R Sports Center in Oakdale, Rod DiGiacomo told of some good catches of fluke made this past week near the mouth of the inlet off of Democrat Point, but added that there are still a good number of fish as far back in the bay as the State Channel. This was demonstrated by Dave Canale and Tony Castelano who put

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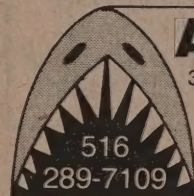
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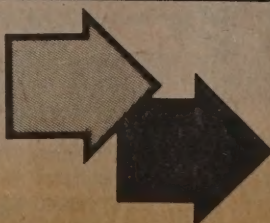
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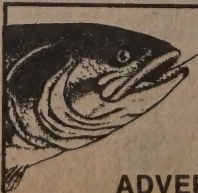
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Diane, Matt and John with a fine catch of Moriches Bay fluke. The trio fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station in East Moriches.

away 18 keepers on squid and sand eels just west of the Babylon cut. They also spoke of taking many small sea bass on their fluke baits. There was good fishing for small weaks on squid and sand worms between Nichols Point and Sayville this week with most of the fish falling in the 1-3 pound category. Nine year old Chris Whitton of Oakdale had the oddball catch of the week when he and his dad brought in what was later identified as a baby 30" dusky shark which was taken off of Heckscher. Rod knew that lots of yellowfin tuna were being chummed southeast of Fire Island Inlet in 90-110' of water. Most of the fish are in the 40-60 pound class.

Irene Cioffi of Peppy's Tackle Shop in East Islip received a number of reports relating very good fluke action at the inlet on Saturday and Sunday. She also heard of some decent scores made in the vicinity of the lighthouse. Eight year old Dennis DeRosier, Jr. counted a 3 pound fluke among his catch of 7 made near the lighthouse on the weekend. Daytime bluefishing has been hit and miss with some good catches made in 60-80' of water. Some flounder were taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket over the weekend but it will be a few weeks before this fishing begins to really take hold. Water temperatures are still very warm.

From Bay Shore, Carl Miller of Smokey's Tackle Shop spoke of pretty good fluking at the lighthouse and at Democrat with bigger fish at the latter spot. Top of the flood and first of the ebb has produced the best action along with sandeel and squid combos. Small blues continue to run hot and cold at the inlet with the best chance of scoring early in the morning. Some small weaks are mixed with them. Buoy 5 in West Channel has been producing a nice mixed bag of kingfish, weakfish (2-4 pounds), porgies, sea bass and blowfish. Clam chum with squid and/or sandworm bait is the key to this fishing. There were blues trolled and jigged in 80' of water off of Ocean Beach during the week and nighttime bluefishing on the Patchogue Grounds remains hot. One private boat trolling outside the inlet took a 36" king mackerel on an

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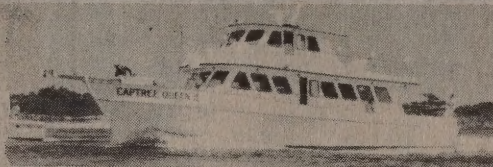
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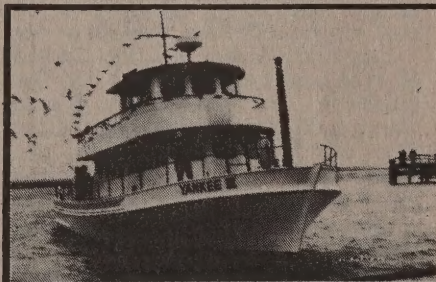
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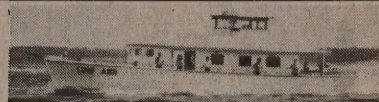
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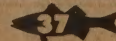
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umbrella rig. Bonito, albacore and yellowfin tuna are SE of the inlet in 90 to 100 feet of water along with some small bluefin tuna. The East Wall of the Canyon provided a thrill for Don Purkess and Joe Pettini on Saturday. Trolling Cannon Dor Knobs the pair dropped an estimated 300-400 pound marlin at the boat. A pair of big yellowfins provided some measure of consolation. A Bay Shore Tuna Club boat trolling the same lures, put away 2 big eyes of 200 and 261 pounds, 5 yellowfin tuna and a pair of longfin albacore. This was on Sunday.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the open boat **Speedy VI** said that daytime bluefishing has slowed in general but there are still some good days mixed in. On Labor Day, for example, hi-hook walked off the boat with 38 choppers. The daytime fish have also been running somewhat smaller than the nighttime fish averaging 4-8 pounds. The skipper described the night fishing as spectacular with full bags of 6-12 pound blues the rule. Some bonito and albacore are on the Patchogue grounds with the blues as are some yellowfin and bluefin tuna. One day late last week saw 20 tuna in the 20-45 pound class hooked but only 5 landed. The skipper heard of at least 3 giant tuna in the 500 pound class taken amidst the fleet on Labor Day.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** spoke of excellent night fishing all week long with Labor Day night the only "tough" trip. This in comparison to the wild fishing of other nights. Monday still saw 300 blues come over the rails resulting in a 10 fish per man average. Most fish run 6-12 pounds but it takes a 16-18 pounder to take the pool on most nights. Fishing is being done in approx. 90' of water off of Patchogue. Of the fluking, the skipper described it as fair to good wit much of the success of the half day trips depending upon the tide. Fishing is being done between West Island and the Inlet and most AM



Sal Masullo (middle) and Thomas Ciamillo (right) with their first sharks which were kept for mounting. They were taken aboard Captain Jack Stoddard's (left) Babylon charter boat, "Luci II."

trips this past week found catches averaging 3-4 good sized fluke per man. The skipper has been working anywhere from West Island to the Inlet and expects that the fish will soon begin concentrating in the deep water of the inlet which should provide a good finish to the fluke season. As the month progresses the skipper will be mixing porgies, sea bass and flounder with his fluke trips.

Capt. Ed Laske of the **Captree** charter boat **Dixie** reported excellent bluefishing on Saturday and Sunday working 60-80' of water S and SW of Fire Island Inlet. Some bonito were mixed with the blues and all were taken on diamond jigs.

Capt. John Cuzzo of the **Afterglow** reported they trolled 20 blues on Saturday before settling down to chumming in 90' of water SE of F.I. Inlet. The chumming session resulted in some wild action with 10 yellowfin tuna in the 50-70 pound class taken, an equal amount broken off and having one big fish strip a 50 pound outfit down to the hub.

Bobby Sprenger of the **Captree Bait Station** looked over a private boat catch of 13 tuna in the 40-65 pound

class on Saturday. He also heard talk of some giants in the 500 pound range taken on the weekend. Of more interest to most is the upcoming snapper derby which will run from 9AM to 4PM this Saturday and Sunday at both the Captree and Jones Beach piers. The Bait Stations at each location will be available for registration, bait and weigh-in. There are categories for youngsters up to 6 years, 7-11 years and 12 thru adult. Thirty-six prizes in all will be awarded so why not get down with the kids and join in on the fun.

Fred Austin over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** spoke of pretty good fluking at the inlet and a good showing of small weaks and some kingfish on squid strips off of Heckscher. On Saturday, Fred reported good bluefishing in 65' of water off the tower. These fish averaged 5 pounds and were also reported the taking in the same depths off of Gilgo. Yellowfin tuna in the 50-60 pound range are being chummed in good numbers in 100' depths south of the inlet. Same fish are being trolled in the vicinity of the Texas Tower. A couple of notable billfish were taken at Block Canyon on the weekend. Joe Salano, aboard his "Culligan Man" whipped a 318 pound blue marlin while on Sunday Phil Scherer aboard his "One Time Around" bested a 50 pound swordfish under the cover of darkness. Locally the snapper fishing remains good but crabbing seems to have tapered off.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreanni weighed in a 54 pound yellowfin tuna taken by Howard Leitch and Ron and Betty Link. The trio were bluefishing in 90' of water on the Patchogue grounds with 20 pound tackle when the tuna grabbed an Ava 47 jig. Saturday evening, Joe Uss and his 8 year old son Ken put away 34 blues topped off by the youngster's 12 pounder. Inside the bay fluke remain a good bet on the last of the flood near the bridge and at democrat point. Some 4-8 pound class



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flatties were taken on live snappers over the weekend at the latter spot. Flounder fishing was pretty good at the Sore Thumb this week with plenty of clam chum being the key. Sea bass, porgies, blowfish and triggerfish are mixed with the winter flatties. On Monday, the Manfredi family showed off a mixed bag of snapper blues, fluke, porgies, sea bass and blowfish all taken in the State Channel. Mike knew from a couple of reliable sources that some big bass were taken on live bunker in the Wantagh area in recent days. He also passed along the results of the Shop's Lady's Only tournament. Lucille Caruso won the fluke category with a 4 pounder, Denise McCarthy took the weakfish division with a 9.3 pounder while Farrah Carbone led the way with bluefish with a 14 pounder.

From his **Z Crab Tackle Shop** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo reported that Al Spear took 5 weeks in the 4-5 pound class on Saturday at Fire Island Inlet. He returned Sunday to take 6 more. All the fishing was done in the early AM with red jellyworms. Best bet for fluke is at the inlet where some good size fish are being taken. Ralph didn't hear much on bluefish this week but did know of good action with bonito and yellowfin tuna in 90-100' of water south of Patchogue. Chummers seem to have the edge in this fishing. Locally, snappers remain plentiful.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

A sizable tuna invasion, second only to the June 6, 1944 invasion has occurred in this area. Footballs, yellowfin and longfin tuna have joined the incredible bluefish catches off the beach. Fluking has diminished tremendously, while flounder have really yet to go into their fall act for us. Sea robins are ultra-plentiful and despite their scary looks are great eating.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

In the Seaford area we hear from **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** of some decent fluke being caught on spearing on both tides from Squaw Island to pole 8. Blowfish are showing while flounder are still being caught in most of the deeper holes such as the entrance of Zachs Bay with fish 3/4 to 1 lb. Small blues are darting all over the bay as are snappers. Some porgies and sea bass be-

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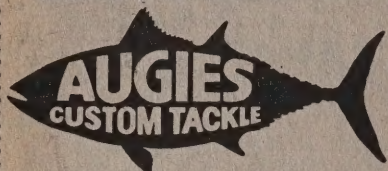
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ing taken on hard bottom on worms, clam and squid.

Lon Wanser weighed in a 12¾ lb. fluke taken in Jones Inlet on live killies by one of the Coast Guardsmen Saturday. Generally speaking, sand eel-squid combos have been working best as have Four Corners and Goose Creek. Some porgies and sea bass hitting bloodworms in Massapequa Cove. Loads of snappers in the bays taking spearing and killie bait. Some bass, blues and weaks at the bridges at night with live snapper the prime hook bait. Small blues at the inlet on trolled umbrellas and big blue claws off the Massapequa flats.

From Jim at Merrick Tackle in Bellmore we hear of 5 to 6 lb. blues zapping inside Jones Inlet in the evenings and being taken on tins. Some flounder off the houses in Swift Creek in the depressions on worms.

Swinging over to the Freeport Fleet we see that the Capt. Lou III and IV are now switching away from fluke and over to flounder. Fluke had been passable early in the week, but then faded out by the weekend. A great catch of sea bass was had Sunday on the CL III on a local wreck. The flounder catch Monday was very encouraging with Mike Solomon bagging 28 flatties to get the fall off to a good start. See ad for details.

A call from the Miss Freeport II told of the still super excellent night bluefishing which is very close. Nightly pools have been in the 13-16 lb. range and fares are loading up. The day trips are now switching over to ocean bottom fishing sailing at 8AM daily concentrating on sea bass and porgies for a full day's enjoyment.

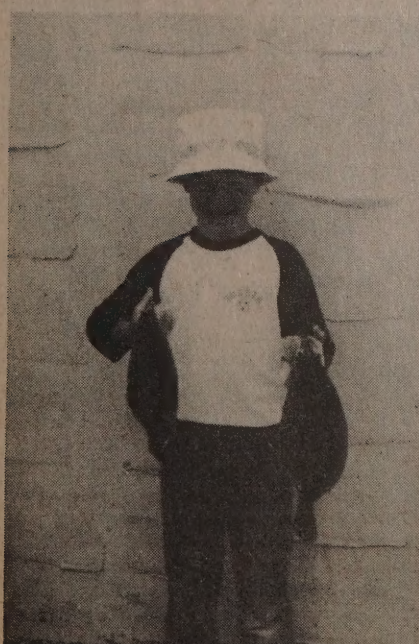
A call from the charter boat **Apus II** told of super tuna on the weekend with 23 being hoisted aboard from 50 to 100 lbs. Others were lost with stripped reels. All fish were chummed and baited SE of Jones. Bluefishing was great Monday off the local reef with over 70 blues jigged and trolled on 3 oz. TriFins. Jim, the boat's mate, trolled stripers on the west bar in the early AM hours this week with fish in the 18 lb. class hitting Lupo bunker spoons. Captain Mike said it looks like a great Sept. and Oct. for blues and tuna.

A 7 lb. 3 oz. fluke was hoisted aboard the private boat **Hi and Dry** by fisherlady Gloria Dri who was fishing with George Eittle. They fished the Jones Beach pier area Thursday and this biggie was taken on a live killie and strip of fluke belly.

Bluefish continue to be hauled aboard the **Capt. Al** in solid numbers. Over 600 fish was the body count for Sunday night. Thursday and Friday day trips were very strong on blues, with bonito and albies mixed in. The nights particularly have been very consistent. The weekend day trips were off a little but not much.

Bluefishing has been mostly very good, said Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** with the nights being especially productive. With fish in the 2-10 lb. range. Catches are being made in close at Cholera, 17 Fathoms, Gilgo and Three Sisters. Rich expects another month of blues without much problem. Sunday's was the lightest catch of the week but it was still good.

A call from the **Blue Fin Fleet** told of super day and night bluefishing with high hooks on each trip in the

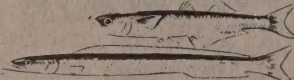


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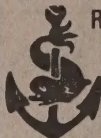
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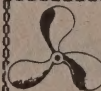
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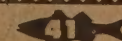
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mid-40s. A trip for the Albertson Fire Department had Tim Carroll with high hook of 45 including a 12 lb. pool winner. Manny Paradiso of the Cedarhurst Fire Dept. had 31 blues. There were many catches in the teens right through the high 30s per angler. Saturday's daytime pool went to Linda Stropozonni with a 20 plus lber. Runner up was a 16½ lber. Sharon Zumpone had over 20 blues. John Debarro had 26 and Ray Hucheldorf had 27. Jimmy Glick had over 20 fish Saturday night. Action has been anywhere from 5 to 13 miles from the jetty, on jigs or bait daytime and just bait nights.

From Freeport Boatmen's Association comes word of some large fluke, being hoisted with numbers way down in the basement. Aboard the Super Spray II Pete Smith of Albany decked an 8 lb. fluke. A 6 lber. was also captured by an unidentified fisherman. The night bluefish trips have been spectacular and close in. Cholera has been a dynamite area on chum and bait for big fish. The trolling members of the Association have been finding bluefin, yellowfin and longfin tunas anywhere from 35 to 50 miles out and they should be set up in the Mud Hole soon. Boats fishing wrecks are bagging up with big sea bass and nice porgies. The outlook for Sept. and Oct. is very good fishwise.

The Capt. Andy Fleet has switched to flounder for its two half-day trips and on the full day boat sailing weekends only, trips offshore for sea bass, porgies, blacks and occasional blues are putting the meat on the table.

Aboard the charter boat Capt. Gary Friday night, a group from Avis had an excellent time at Cholera fishing both top and bottom. Joe Mole was high hook with 19 fish. Tied for the pool with two 16 lb. choppers were lady anglers Grace Kinsella and Cindy Angelbeck. Gary asked us to announce he will be running as an open boat Sunday sailing at 6:30 AM for blues.

Charter boat Nicki B on its last four tuna charters had 16 yellowfin tuna and bluefin tuna. The bluefins went up to 173 lbs. and the yellowfins 60 to 80 lbs. All fishing being done NW of the Texas Tower. A 60 lb. white marlin was also part of the week's catch. The Red Dalvell party got in on a good share of this action and catches were made on green machines.

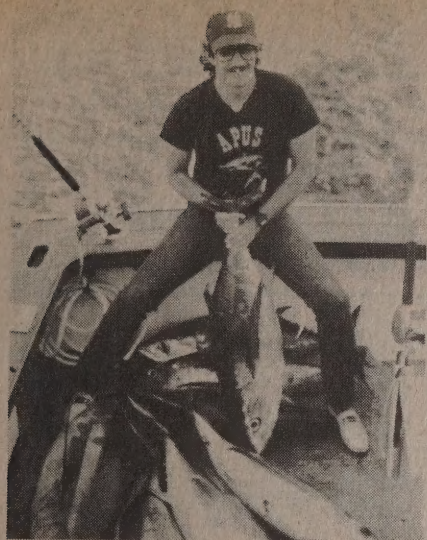
We heard from Capt. Pat of the charter boat Lady J III who had a strong week of bluefishing for various groups. Tuesday's trip for Xerox had 3-5 lbers. fishing from Jones to Debs. On Wed., the group for Eastman Kodak jigged blues in the same area. Friday's night trip for Bulova chummed and baited blues at Cholera and Three Sister, fish to 13 lbs. Saturday's trip for 3M Co. of Caldwell, NJ had a solid catch of jigged blues. Sunday, Phil LoPresti and group from Danbury, Ct. again had

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David Lawrence with a nice catch of tuna made south of Jones Inlet aboard the Freeport charter boat "Apus II."

3-4 lbs. SE of the Jones Beach tower. Monday was a fluke charter with some fluke and sea bass caught locally for Characters Typographic Service.

In nearby Point Lookout, the word from Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** the weekdays showed an increase in the fluke activity. Thursday's and Friday's AM trips had over 60 keepers each day. Wednesday's AM trip had Tony Villaini with a 3 lb. pool winner. The weekend, of course, fell apart, no doubt contributed to by the heavy boat traffic. Even so, on Sat's AM trip, Sid Reznik managed a 3 1/4 lb. pool fish and on Sun. Gloria Penderth had a 2 3/4 lb. pool fish. Please note the boat has now swung over to flounder. The night bluefishing continues to be strong with over 4,000 blues caught this past week alone aboard the boat. Ron says it's been a slaughter every night with high hooks in the 40s and 50s. Couldn't be better, he says, on fish 6-12 lbs. being caught at the Sisters.

From the charter boat **Marie III** Capt. Dennis says the word for the week is it's been a tuna slaughter. Thursday through Monday catches averaged 5 to 12 yellowfin tuna per day. These fish are running 50 to 100 lbs. each on bait and chum with action SW of the HA buoy. Catches have been as high as 25 tuna per day. Bait and chum are the ticket also bluefin tuna have been trolled to 30 lbs., also many skippies. Monday was the slowest day due to boat traffic. Notable during the week were: Matt French, age 11, with his first tuna, a 65 lber. Howie Taylor caught 3 tuna to 80 lbs., 13 year old Kevin Taylor had his first tuna. Hal Skonberg, had 3 tuna; Mel Freebaum, 2 tuna; Mitch Freebau, 4 tuna; and Steve Kearney, 2 tuna. Many were dropped as 4'0s and 5-0s were strip-

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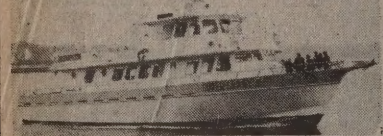
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Most activity was sea bass and porgies this week said Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station**. Some blue claw crabs are being caught. Lots of snappers at the marina bulkhead and the piers. A few fluke being caught with best action up in the flats for 2 hours all around the high. Blacks to 3 lbs. at the Meadowbrook Bridge on fiddlers. Sal Lombardo of N. Massapequa landed a 6½ lb. fluke on Saturday on killies around the Meadowbrook Bridge.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook a 14 lb. king mackerel was weighed in Sat. along with 15 blues to 11½ lbs. taken at buoy 4 in Debs Inlet on an umbrella by Ken Barish of Woodmere. A 15 lb. fluke was weighed in by Ken and Audry Timper of Rosedale fishing Jones Inlet. This fluke had a sinker and a treble hook in his mouth from some other fisherman when he was caught. The very next day this couple was rewarded with a 12 lb. fluke. They were using live snappers which should be a strong clue to anyone hunting big fluke. Off the west end jetty, tossing a 5 inch Rebel, Vinnie Spucces was rewarded with 6 lb. striped bass. Snappers are super and good fluking is being had at the Stone Barge. Good floundering between the piers and the CB station, clam working best. Crabs are on the increase and weaks have been noted laying on the bottom in 70 of water perhaps waiting for the water to cool.

From Lenny Firestone fishing aboard the Honey's Bunch at the canyon Saturday, 2 big eye tuna in the 250 lb. class were taken on 50 lb. outfits featuring orange jets. They also had a 145 lb. big eye caught by Arnold Wonsever formerly of the Shalidon. A 96 lb. yellowfin was caught by Tom Finke and a 50 lb. yellowfin by Brian. Also 6 longfin albies were caught in the 30-40 lb. range. All these fish were on green machines and Konas.

Tom from **Long Beach Sports Marina** advised blues and weaks continue to be the hot item through Reynolds Channel. Mike Nichols and Dan Caslow had 6 alligator blues from 12-17 lbs. while Pat Kinneary and Bill Strom had tiderunner weaks, all under the bunker schools in Reynolds. Don and Frank Durando worked the gong buoy of Silver Point Channel Sat. and Sun taking 100 blacks each day to 4 lbs. on fiddlers. Fluke have been picky. A few good flounder scores off the Cedarhurst Yacht club on worms. Blue claws all over the joint.

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic Beach Al advises that blackfish are back at both ends of the AB bridge on fiddlers. Fluking has been poor to fair but fish can be caught from buoy 6 to Debs and at the Tin Can and Norton's Point on squid-killie combos but snappers are catching the largest fluke. Very good bluefish catches on umbrellas from the pink hotel to Long Beach in 50

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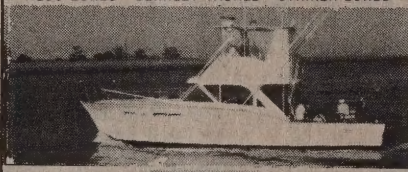
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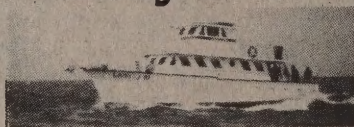
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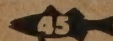
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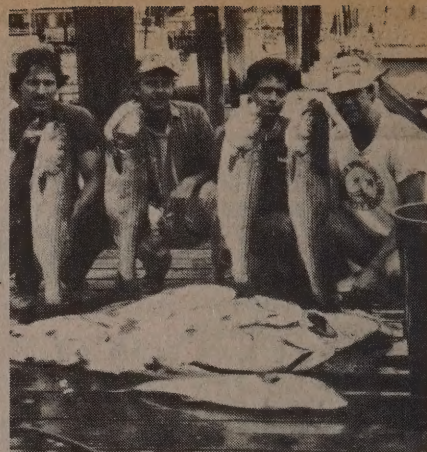
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To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Neil at Stella Maris tells us that the bluefish fleet has been loading up, specially on the night trips. Bass are being taken at the Breezy Pt. jetty on drifted sand worms dusk through dawn while lots of porgies of fair size are being caught at the Tin Can Grounds. Fluke have been slow this past week. Plenty of snappers in the bay.

Captain Walt Wiegand of the Flamingo III told of excellent bluefish catches right through the weekend. Action has been local the last few days, working inside Sandy Hook Bay. Fares had a super Monday, pulling fish at will on the first 45 minute drift, along with a few weakies. Blues have been averaging 2-5 lbs. with fish larger but spottier offshore.

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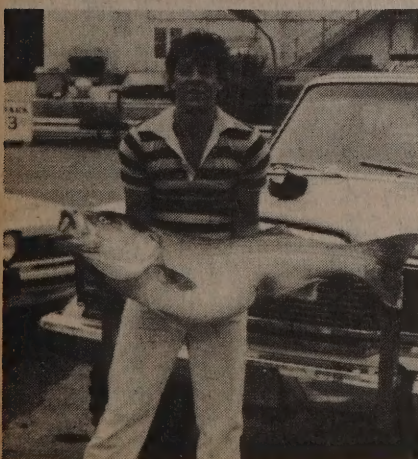
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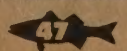
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North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Bluefish, bluefish everywhere for west end boats, particularly the traveling party craft... that was last week's story. Porgies continue to please bottom anglers, and east enders have begun the season on flounder and tautog.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in New Rochelle spoke of big blues to the high teens taken locally by chunkers, liveliners, and trollers. Joan Rizzotti, fishing aboard **Three Gulls and a Buoy**, took a 9¼ pound weakfish on a live bunker. Doug Roth chunked a 16 pound bass on Friday, and other bass anglers had a few fish on worms or chunks at night.

Jack's Bait on City Island enjoyed a fair weekend of mixed bags on flounder, porgies, small blues and small bass. Most of the catches came from the CBS Tower, Execution Light and Hart's Island.

The Glen Cove Sports Shop weighed blues to 11 pounds from Hempstead Harbor and said that umbrella trollers were working blues with occasional bonito.

Pete Pearson reported that the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle was working on 2-5 pound bluefish over the weekend from Eatons to Port Jeff and Stratford. During the week, some alligators to 17 pounds were also reported. Now and then catches included weakfish to 10 pounds and occasional bonito.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** from City Island was working on a pick of porgies with total bags averaging 15-20 fish per fare. Roughly 6 fish per fare included large scup, but weaks and blacks were added to the daily catches as well. The larger fish are in the 60-70' depths and the center Island reef has been as good as Smithtown during the past week.

Frank Ackley reported an interesting catch on Sunday by the Byers Family party out of Glen Cove with the **Tarpon**. The group of six, trolling a pair of rods on downriggers, released 40 blues in the 3 pound class

and kept 36. The catch was made in Hempstead Harbor on Sekora tubes and Accetta #17 spoons.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** said that things quieted down in the Huntington area during the weekend after a heavy week of bluefishing. Early week results off Sand City were good and bunker baits were best.

Candy Carafitis at **Carafitis Fishing Station** in **Port Jeff** spoke of lots of porgies off Oldfield and Crane's with some early blackfish to 5 pounds. Scup were bigger later in the weekend. Cocktail blues were plentiful off Buoy 11 and there were plenty of snappers in the Harbor. **Sutler's** in Port Jeff said that there were larger blues off the Middle Ground and that buoy 9 and 11 had the smaller fish. Crabs are becoming the preferred bait for blackfish already.

Dick Brown at **Dick's** in **Mount Sinai** mentioned some good fishing on Friday and Sunday with bonito to 8 pounds trolled along with the blues. There were plenty of fluke off the Water Tower, Sound Beach and Miller Place and a few big blues to 13 pounds off Crane's. Anyone who persevered with a dozen worms could manage 15 to 75 porgies.

Packy Collins called to say that the **Ever Ready** out of **Huntington** had a good week on Smithtown Bay blues to 10 pounds. The weekend necessitated runs away from boat traffic with unbelievable interference on Sunday. Monday saw a blitz all day from Eaton's to Smithtown with catches to 20-30 blues per fare. There are quite a few schools of fish in the area, perhaps 10 or 12, and this augurs well for the weeks ahead.

NORTH FORK

Word from **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** was that a few big blues were being trolled in the sound on wire and big surgical tubes. The **Mattituck Fishing Station** confirmed that porgie catches around the inlet and off Cooper's Rock were holding up. Sizes were mixed but a few scup to 2 pounds plus a few blackfish and sea bass made the pick a good one.

Capt. Marty's in **New Suffolk** had a good weekend with weakfish production in Rose's Grove quite good in 20 feet of water. Fish were around 1 1/2 pounds with a few larger. High hook squid was the ticket on a drift. Anchoring and chumming tended to fill the pail with snappers instead.

Ace Cottrel at the **Port of Egypt** liked the porgie catches on the Sound off the ramp in deeper water and off Petty's as well. Fluking nearly was dead but 3/4 pound plus flounder were showing off the ends of the traps.

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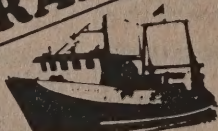
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Blackfish at the lighthouse were small but plentiful. The bay was loaded with little bluefish and porgies, especially around buoys 16, 17, and 18. There were still larger scup at South Ferry. Art White at the A.P. White Bait Shop in Greenport had a tremendous weekend. Porgie fishermen, said Art, were loading up, especially on the smaller craft, and flounder had a good start at Orient. Gull and Plum Islands had sea bass to offer as a mix with the prevalent blackfish.

Larry Cicotto of the Prime Time II called to say that flounder and blackfishing was spectacular later in the week and over the weekend. After the fluking died at the Ruins, smaller blacks to around 3 pounds plus sea bass to about 2 pounds were really welcome. Three days of full pails resulted. John Rainis and the Blue Albatross shifted to blackfish in shallow water on mixed baits and found some rockpiles with early bulldogs to 8 pounds. Fishing with 6 ounces of lead was the norm.

As far at the Greenport porgy fleet was concerned, John Duggan reported that the Peconic Star is starting with the big fish right on schedule in the usual deep water haunts. Fish are in 80' of water where 10 ounces of lead is de rigeur, and results so far have been promising.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Despite the calendar, September has gotten off to a sweltering start and until the pattern is broken, it's unlikely that there will be too much for surfmen to get excited about. That's not to say that our beaches have been void fish, however, Those working the night shift or dawn have been picking a few blues and bass, though small fish still dominate the reports.

Bluefish cavorted in the Moriches surf on Thursday and Friday of last week according to Paul Graniello of J&J Tackle in Patchogue. While Thursday's fish were in the 2 to 3 lb. range, Friday's fishing produced a good number of 10 to 12 lb. choppers. This action was all on tins in the vicinity of Smith Point park. A few big blues were taken earlier in the week on bunker chunks. On Monday morning, Ozzie VanHelmmond returned from one of his north shore junkets with blues of 8 1/2 and 9 3/4 lbs. taken on popping plugs.

There was little to report west of here, although Bobby Sprenger of the Captree Bait Shop did report weighing in a 16 1/2 lb. chopper for Ben Santoriello of Babylon. The fish was

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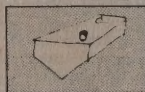
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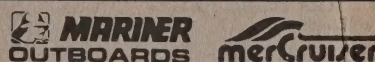
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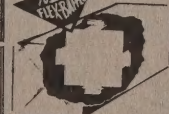
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Small blues spread along the Southampton ocean beach this past week as well as on the east side of Shinnecock In let. This according to Tom Speckenbach at **Specht's Tackle Shop in Southampton**. Tins again accounting for most of the action. Tom had no bass news to report from this area.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** spoke of hit and miss action with small blues on the sand beach behind town, at Gurney's and at Hither Hills. A few small blues and small bass were taken up front but the overall surf scene here has been pretty quiet.

Moving up to the north shore, word out of **Glen Cove Sport Shop** is that some nice blues in the 10 lb. class along with a few school bass were being taken on tins and poppers along the Hempstead Harbor-Matinecock Point shore. Unfortunately, access is a problem here for most surfmen.

Sunken Meadows State Park continues to produce school bass at night with a few small blues around dawn along with the occasional larger fish. Hellcats and Needlefish plugs with Red Gill droppers work best after dark on the bass, while popping plugs have been accounting for the early morning action.

In the **Rocky Point-Mt. Sinai** area,

both Dick Brown and Stan Henschel spoke of some small blues popping up along area beaches in the early morning hours. The few bass that are around are small. Both tins and poppers working on the blues.

Out on the North Fork, Ed Kopack of **Warren's Tackle Shop in Aquabogue** knew of a few bass to 10 lbs. taken after dark and in the early AM in the Hortons Point-Duck Pond area. One caster had half a dozen school bass early one morning last week. Bluefish are being taken on black and white or blue and white Rebels or Redfins and droppers. A few small blues occasionally on the beach in the Mattituck area on tins.

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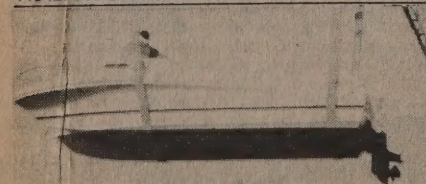


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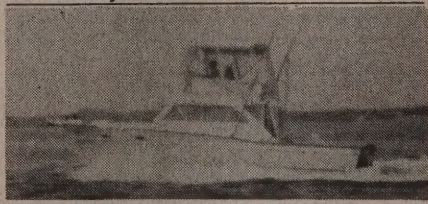
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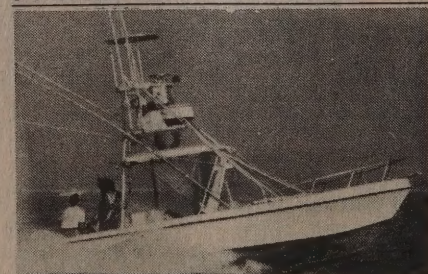
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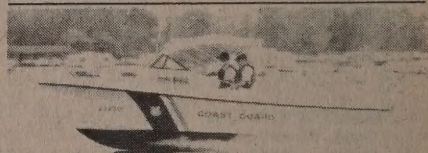
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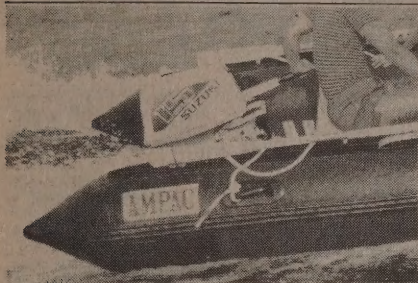
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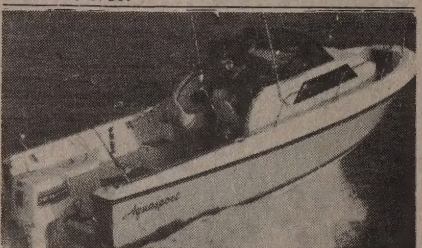
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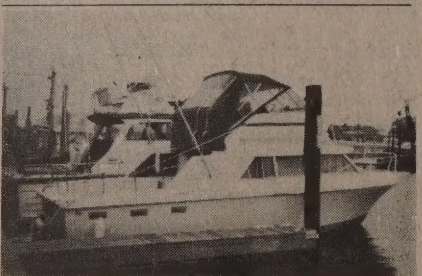
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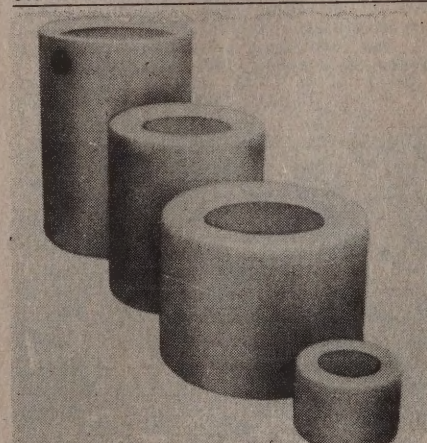
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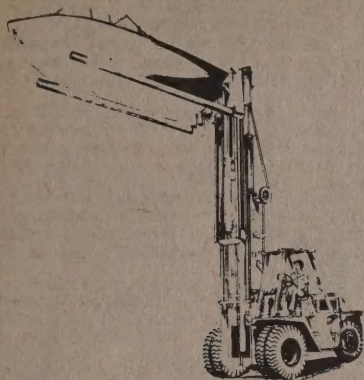
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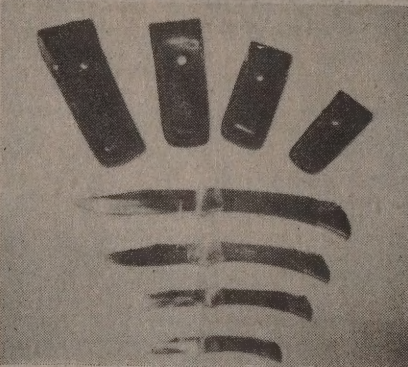
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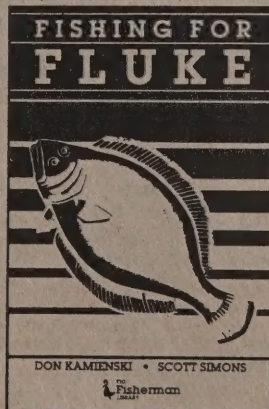
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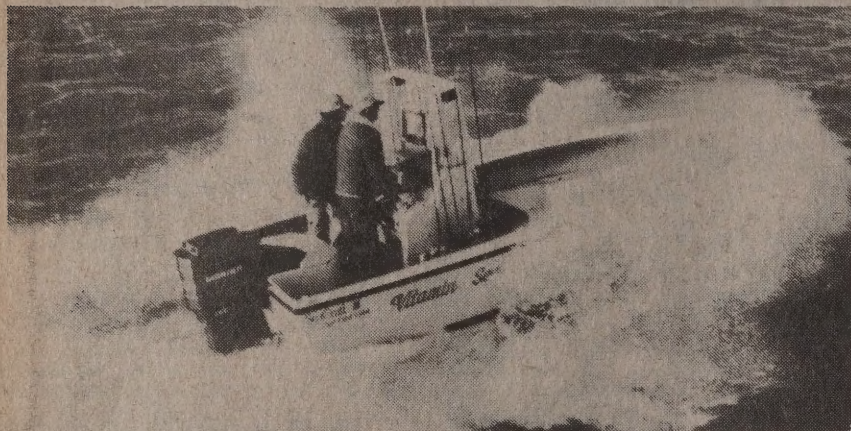
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